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Serious Riot In Dock Land

Two Persons Fatally Injured: Police Stoned

POLICE OPEN FIRE TO DISPERSE CROWD

Four clashes in which 40 were injured, two fatally;

A fusillade of stones and lathis culminating in firing by police.

A "battle-front" extending from the docks to the J J Hospital;

Call for the fire brigade to put out incendiary flames; Disturbed area under police guard.

These were the main features of the trouble in the Dockland on Friday.

The Dock Workers Union have issueda statement saying that the riot was started by the "black legs" who refused police orders to disperse.

BOMBAY, Friday.

The driver of a motor-lorry carrying black-legs to the docks, and more than twenty persons, including nearly a dozen police constables, were injured in a clash—the third of a series, to-day—between the dock strikers and the blacklegs at the Princes Dock.

A large number of police hastened to the scene on receipt of reports of outbreak of trouble. They were pelted with stones and soda-water bottles.

Finding the situation alarming, they opened fire and fired two shots. This had the desired effect.

ASSAULTS BY PATHANS.

The trouble originated early this morning at about 6-0 a.m. when there was a clash between a party of Pathans and the strikers near Elphinstone Bridge. This was only the beginning of a series of clashes to follow.

Half an hour later, a party of about 50 Pathans armed with lathies, went to the Dock Workers' Union office near Thana-Street, but the police, who were waiting near-by at Kurla Street, immediately appeared on the scene, and dispersed them but not before the latter had assaulted some of the strikers.

THIRD CLASH

Police Open Fire

The third clash was of a very serious nature, the Pathans and the strikers indulged in an orgy of rioting. There was a regular fusillade of stones, and soda-water bottles, and the Princes Dock which was the scene of the warfare, was littered with stones and broken lathis. This is how this clash occurred: The Pathans and the strikers were waiting at the Princes Docks, and it was about 8-30 a.m. A motor lorry carrying "black legs" was going along the docks, when the strikers are stated to have forcibly stopped the lorry.

An indiscriminate clash then followed.

In the struggle the lorry-driver was killed.

The police, who came on the scene, found it difficult to control the situation and were forced to open fire. Nearly 12 constables were stoned, and received injuries. In all more than twenty persons were injured and the condition of some of them is said to be very serious. All of them have been removed to hospital.

STRIKERS' MARCH.

The strikers, after being dispersed by the police, marched towards the Pathan quarters near the J.J. Hospital. They began assaulting the Pathans and set fire to their cots and other properties. The police hastened to the scene and dispersed the strikers. Fire engines were also despatched to put out the fires.

As a result of a series of clashes, the police have taken all the necessary precautions to prevent a recrudescence of trouble. Police pickets, armed and unarmed, are posted at all the important centres, including Bhendy Bazar and Docks.

The whole dock area is under police guard.

Deputy Commissioner Guider, Superintendent Home and other officers visited the disturbed area, and supervised the police arrangements.

In all about 40 persons have been injured in to-day's clashes.

It is understood that three persons have since died in the hospital as a result of injuries received during the disturbances in the morning.

INSPECTOR HURT.

Inspector Raje, Sub-Inspector Mohiddin Sayyed and Havildar were injured in the clash.

The police have arrested four persons.

DON'T MIX UP INNOCENT PATHANS WITH BLACKLEGS

Dock Workers Union President Appeals To The Public

Dr. M. R. [illegible], the President of the Dock Workers' Union has issued a statement to the press. In the course of the statement he says:—

The strike of the Dock Workers has now dragged on for about three weeks and there are yet no signs of an early settlement in view. The Dock Workers' Union as well as the strikers have been taking a very conciliatory attitude and have been all along very anxious to settle the dispute as tarly as possible. But unfortunately the other side has taken a most uncompromising and obdurate attitude.

The strikers have remained exceptionally peaceful so far. It is not necessary to recall here all the exploits of the black-leg Pathans during the last couple of days. Apart from the stray assauts committed on the strikers and many times even on the innocent passers-by, twice they organised a deliberate attack on the Union Office. In spite of this the Pathan blacklegs are practically allowed a free [illegible] They are allowed with big [illegible] lowed to gat[illegible] numbers and to disperse th[illegible] of trouble. hand the stri[illegible] to carry stic[illegible] to move in [illegible] are arrested [illegible] text.

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BLACKLEGS OUT TO BREAK STRIKE

Union Official's Version Of Friday Riot

The Secretary of the Bombay Dock Workers' Union has issued the following statement on Friday's incidents:—

Three weeks have passed since the dockyard strike was declared and there are no signs of settlement up till now. The negotiations which were going on between the Strike Committee and the stevedores have broken down, because the latter refused to increase the wages of the gangmen and refused to sign any agreement with the Strike Committee. There is a determined effort to break the strike with the help of "blacklegs". The Union of the workers is carrying on the struggle with equal determination and is courageously facing all odds.

UGLY TURN.

The situation this morning took a very serious turn. The strikers were very much excited over the attitude of the stevedores and had decided to fight for an increase in wages. As usual, the stevedores had rallied the Pathan "blacklegs" early in the morning at the main gate. The Pathans appeared with lathis and were in a state of excitement. All persuasion by the Union officials to go on strike was futile with the "blacklegs." In this state of excitement a posse of armed police made their appearance on the spot. No sooner did the police force appear than the infuriated Pathan "blacklegs" made a wild charge on the strikers who were gathering in small numbers at the corners of the street to guard the gates. They belaboured several workers before they had time to resist the attack. But the workers soon rallied their forces and put up a bold fight with lathis and other improvised weapons of defence.

FURIOUS STREET FIGHT.

The clash between the strikers and Pathans soon developed into a furious street fight. Stones and soda-water bottles were freely used as missiles on either side. Several persons were injured in the fight. The Pathan "blacklegs" soon gave way as they had no moral courage to face the strikers, through the former outnumbered strikers and were armed with heavy bludgeons. The strikers manoeuvred to ward off the attack successfully and soon beat off the Pathans. While they were re[illegible] the Pathan "blacklegs".

"BUY INDIAN" PROCESSION BANNED IN CITY

Police Chief Issues Order

The "Buy Indian" Procession which was organised by the Swadeshi League, Bombay, for Sunday, has been banned by the Police Commissioner. The following is the order:—

Whereas, I, Sir Patrick Kelly, Commissioner of Police, Bombay, consider it necessary for the preservation of the public peace and public safety to prohibit within the City of Bombay the processions hereinafter described,

Now, therefore, I, in exercise of powers duly conferred on me by section 23(5) of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902 (IV of 1902), do hereby prohibit a procession styled a "Buy Indian Procession" announced to start from Chaupatti at 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 3rd, 1932, and any other procession of a like or similar nature within the City of Bombay for a period of seven days from the date of this Order.

MORE OF CHARGOBRA RIOT

Fight Over Possession Of Land

KHULNA, Apr. 1.

Details of the Chargobra riot show that about a thousand men belonging to Namasudra and Muslim communities fell out over the possession of certain lands on Tuesday. The men were mostly armed with lethal weapons. The situation getting beyond control the police opened fire killing a Namasudra and a Muslim. The number of injured is not yet known.—A. P.

Loan For Calcutta Port To Be Raised In London

CALCUTTA, Apr. 1.

The Governor-in-Council has authorised the Commissioners of the Port of Calcutta to raise a loan of £1,075,000 in London for payment of principal and interest due by the Commissioners.—A. P.

"EXPEDITING REFORMS WITH GANDHI IN JAIL"

Adjournment Motion In The Assembly Lost

BRITISH DIE-HARD CONSPIRACY AGAINST CO[illegible]

NEW DELHI, April 1.

At 5-28 p.m. when the adjournment motion of Mr. Harbans Singh was being debated, there was a repeated demand for closure and when the closure motion was put there were 48 for it and 34 against it while 15 members belonging to Independents and Central Muslims remained neutral.

Half a dozen Nationalists who were opposed to the closure walked out headed by Mr. Amarnath [illegible] and Mr. Harbans Singh himself.

The censure motion w[illegible] lost without division.—

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SHAUKAT ALI IN FIGHTING MOOD AT PEACE COMMITTEE

Talks Of "Congress Bullying The Muslims" And Grave Apprehensions

BOMBAY'S TRADE—IS IT A QUESTION OF SUICIDE OR STRANGULATION?

Maulana Shaukat Ali was in a fighting mood and talked of civil war in Bombay speaking at the annual general meeting of the Bombay Citizens' Conciliation Committee held in the Corporation Hall on Friday evening.

The Maulana burst into the hall when the meeting was almost coming to a close and inflicted on the audience a political speech in which he entered into a strong tirade against the Congress.

STOP THE SUICIDE.

Mr. Gilber-Lodge provoked a political controversy when he remarked that the trade of the city was being strangled and the Committee should make some efforts to stop this suicide.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta retorted that the Committee should examine whether it was a case of suicide or whether the trade was being murdered by the Ordinances.

NOT A CORONER'S JURY.

Mr. Chagla said that it was not the function of the Conciliation Committee to inquire into the question of trade revival or to act as Coroner's jury to say whether it was a suicide of murder. Its function was to establish communal peace and nothing beyond that.

We Are Essentially A Peace Committee

Mr. J. B. Boman Behram, the Mayor of Bombay presided. In moving the adoption of the report he said:

The work done during the period of the Report, is the best justification of our existence, and gives ample proof of the need and scope for a body such as ours. I am [illegible] the Committee has been able to keep clear of politics as such. May I repeat that we are essentially a Peace Committee, representative not only of all communities but also of all schools of thought. We are not here here to give expression to particular political viewpoints. There are sufficient channels for that purpose. Peace in Bombay is our primary concern, and the prevention of trouble should be our keynote and constant endeavour.

Rao Bahadur Asavle in seconding the adoption of the report pointed out how the Conciliation [illegible]mittee could help the cause [illegible] in the city. Firstly as

nothing to do with politics. That being so it was very unfortunate that Mr. Gilbert-Lodge should have referred to the so-called suicide of Bombay trade and needlessly entered into a political controversy.

Whether the trade of Bombay was going to commit suicide or not was of vital interest and concern to the businessmen of Bombay and surely the businessmen and industrialists of Bombay [illegible] from the so-called suicide. The Bombay trade know how to take care of itself. There was no use of the Committee butting in the affairs of the merchants and such an interference would not be appreciated by them.

THEIR PRIMARY CONCERN.

The Conciliation Committee could not enter into this subject if it wanted to preserve its individuality and its work to continue. Their primary function was to prevent communal outbreaks. The question that Mr. Gilbert-Lodge wanted them to deal with could be left to political bodies.

Mr. Gilbert-Lodge said that his remarks were not inspired by any association or body. He was speaking as a citizen.

Mr. M. C. Chagla maintained that it was not the work of the Conciliation Committee to inquire into the question of trade revival or to act as a Coroner's jury to say whether it was suicide or murder. The functions of the Committee were laid down in the resolution passed last year. They [illegible]re chiefly concerned with [illegible]ntaining and promoting cordial relations between communities [illegible]d preventing communal [illegible]the Committee was con[illegible]

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Versus
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2. T.F. JOSEPH,
3. P.M. CHANDAVARKAR,
4. M.W. GELHOOLY,
5. P.T.K. IYENGAR,
6. C.P. RAJGOPALAN
With their respective Sureties. ... Defendants.

To
The DEFENDANTS.

The hearing of the above matters is fixed on THURSDAY, the 7th instant at 5-30 P.M. before the undersigned at the below-mentioned address.

(Sd.) I.K. THAKORE,
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Registrar's Nominee,
Arbitrator.

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Shown On The Screen

AT THE CAPITOL

India Through Hollywood's Eyes!

Adventure, romance and exotic locale are features of Ramon Novarro's latest starring film, "Son of India" which opens today at the Capital, Bombay's leading talkie house. It is the first time that Novarro has been seen in an oriental role since "The Pagan" and he equals the admirable performance of his former hit in this latter vehicle.

The story concerns a young Indian who is left beggard when his father a wealthy jewel merchant is killed and robbed by bandits. He has managed to save one huge diamond but when he tries to sell this to a disreputable dealer, the scoundrel charges him with theft of the diamond. Novarro is about to be taken to prison when he is rescued through the intervention of a young American, played by Conrad Nagel. Subsequently Novarro falls in love with an attractive American girl. On an exciting tiger hunt their friendship ripens into infatuation. The girl turns out to be the sister of the man who had saved Novarro from prison. When Nagel comes from Calcutta to stop the marriage of his sister to a man of another race, the story is brought to a climax.

The story moves rapidly from its exciting opening scenes showing the bandit raid to the surprise conclusion. Madge Evans, the New York stage star, plays the part of the American heroine and offers a performance which combines charm and capable dramatic work. Excellent portrayals are also offered by Conrad Nagel, Marjorie Rambeau, C. Aubrey Smith, Mitchell Lewis, John Miljan and Nigel de Brulier. But chief honours must go to Novarro, who again proves himself one of the finest players on the screen. His performance is marked with sincerity and he combines an unusual dramatic vigour with a charming flair for comedy. As for those who like plenty of romance in their film fare, the love scenes of Novarro and the attractive Madge Evans leave nothing to be desired. Novarro sings haunting love songs and without doubt it can be said that his rich, haunting, golden voice carries one away with wonderment.

"Gems of M. G. M." a part-colour musical revue with Benny Rubin and the Brox Sisters gives one an opportunity of hearing some excellent songs and music. Olympic Events, a sports feature and the latest news from all corners of the Globe complete a perfect two hours of good entertainment. Knowing what Ramon Novarro's previous pictures have drawn it is advisable for all to book their seats well in advance as we are told that already plans are being rapidly filled up. Rs. 2/4 and Re. 1/2 seats can be reserved at the theatre in advance.

"AT THE VILLA ROSE"

Pathe Cinema

A. E. W. Mason the famous writer and novelist never wrote a more popular book than 'At the Villa Rose'. This has now been turned into a fine talkie by the Twickenham Studios who have such good pictures to their credit as 'Lord Richard in the Pantry,' and 'The Sleeping Cardinal.' Austin Trevor whose services were lent by Mr. C. B. Cochran, takes the part of the famous French detective Henaud, and plays the part to perfection. The story is an extremely fascinating one. It concerns a Madame d'Auvray, the mistress of the Villa Rose, a kind hearted and charming old lady, albeit a foolish one Madame had two ruling passions —the first, a delight in displaying upon her person at one time as many of her remarkable jewels as was possible, and secondly, a love of the occult, and it was only in the nature of things that sooner or later she would be marked down as an easy victim by the unscrupulous. Her murder, therefore, did not come altogether as a surprise to the greatest of all French detectives. M. Hanaud—presumably at Courcelles-les-Bains to take the cure for his lumbago. Suspicion naturally fell on her young companion, Celia Harland, who disappeared on the night of the crime, and for a time things look very black against her. The great Hanaud now takes a hand in the affair, and we follow him step by step, from clue to clue, from inference to inference, until the mystery is at last unravelled. The denouncement is most unexpected, and we are kept in the dark as to the identity of the real murderer until the last possible moment. A Pathe Super Sound Gazette will as usual contain the latest news from all over the world. For perfect photography and up-to-date ness the Pathe Gazette is still the leading news reel of the world.

MURRAY AND SIDNEY IN A HILARIOUS COMEDY

At The Excelsior

The appearance of the famous team of comedians Charlie Murray and George Sidney, is always a guarantee of high powered entertainment. Their latest picture "Caught Cheating", which is this week's attraction at the Excelsior, is a fitting successor to their previous success like the "Cohens and Kelleys" series and other hits. In this picture, which is a Tiffany production, the stars handle novel types of roles that present characters, who are not only funny, but ring true to life. With a combination of laughs and thrills that keep the audience thoroughly entertained from start to finish, the picture is replete with hilarious situations which carry the story to a very swift and surprising climax. "Caught Cheating" is an original screen story by V. Scott Darling and Frank Strangers direction extracts from it all the humour, human interest and excitement. George Sidney and Murray provide considerable amusement as two innocents amused as two innocents among gangsters. Their predicament is the result of Sidney's innocent offer of a lift in the car to a pretty redhead girl who turns out to be the flirtation cheating wife of a desperate gang leader who shoots to kill and loves to shoot. The gangster is trailing his wife and her lover, and when he runs Sidney down, he naturally takes him for her cheating partner. Finally the complications straighten out to the great relief of Sidney and his companion. The cast includes Nita Martan and Dorothy Christy who supply the feminine interest in the story Robert Ellis and Fred Malatesta are the rival gangsters and other roles are also well portrayed by George Regas, Tenen Holtz and Gertrude Sutton.

MATHESON LANG IN A SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY

At The Empire

Matheson Lang, the famous British stage star, and Joseph Schildkraut who will be remembered for his superb portrayal of the gambler-lover in "Show Boat" are the featured players in "Carnival" in a fine British production which will be screened this week at the Empire. The picture, based on the well-known stage play has a thrilling plot culminating in a tragedy, and centres around two Italian artistes who are staging "Othello" Silvio (played by Matheson Lang) who has the role of the jealous Moor and Simonetta (played by the charming British actress Dorothy Bouchier) as his sweetheart Desdemonia. Furious with jealousy at her innocent affair with a mutual friend Count Andrea (played by Joseph Schildkraut) Silvio nearly murders her while enacting a scene on the stage. His nerve fails and the performance ends in confusion. Later Simonetta convinces him that his jealous obsession was entirely unfounded. The joyous atmosphere of carnival time in Venice with its riotous gaiety and youthful abandon, against a some background of depressing tragedy in the lives of the players invests the picture with a sense of convincing realism. The Venetian scenes, some in colour, are superlatively lovely and spectacular. Produced on a lavish scale and brilliantly acted, the film has all the ingredients to make it a supremely artistic an entertaining production.

ROMANTIC COMEDY DRAMA OF YOUTHFUL ESCAPADES

At The Empress Cinema

"Fast and Loose," a paramount production, which will be on view this week at the Empress Cinema, Lamington Road, is a romantic comedy drama of youth and its gay reckless adventures.

SCENE FROM "SON OF INDIA."

The point of this drama is that the younger generation, while mad and merry, are not as mad as they are painted by the older folks, and this is put across with a verve and spirit that makes excellent entertainment. Leading the mad cap malange is the charming blonde actress, Miriam Hopkins, who scored such a hit in "The Smiling Lieutenant" recently shown in Bombay. As the daughter of a wealthy American family, she falls madly in love with the tall, handsome Charles Starrett, one of the rising stars of the screen. Another romance develops between Henry Wadsworth, (as the second son of the millionaire), and Carole Lombard who plays a charming chorus girl. Between midnight swimming parties and gay adventures, which land the four in a jail for a time, they manage to give a trying time to their elders who, in the end, are persuaded to give their blessings to the double wedding. The other parts are ably handled by a strong supporting cast, which includes Frank Morgan, the genial villain of "Queen High." The picture is a beautifully directed and splendidly acted farcical drama which offer good entertainment.

AT THE RIALTO

Norma Shearer In Popular Film

Ursula Parrott must have Norma Shearer in mind when she creates heroines for her novels. For in "Strangers May Kiss" as in "The Divorcee," Miss Shearer steps gracefully into the leading role and wraps it about her with a certain assurance of possession.

Indeed, this reviewer can imagine the role in no other hands. The new Norma Shearer vehicle which opens at the Rialto to-day, shows her in an even more dramatic role than in her previous Parrott story, this time playing the part of Lisbeth, a modern young woman who starts blithely out on a globe-trotting honeymoon without pausing for a wedding ring or any other ceremony than a burning kiss from her lover. In this instance, the capable Neil Hamilton. Waiting for her to tire of the escapade is the devoted Robert Montgomery, again cast in a role similar to that of the "Divorcee," but greatly enlarged and filled with a characterization of strength and whimsical drama. Both Hamilton and Montgomery acquit themselves in highly commendable manner and it well may be said they share leading man honours. Although Hamilton's part is, perhaps, less sympathetic, it is the romantic role and after all that is what supplies motivation. Montgomery on the other hand, has the flippant, gaiety [illegible] and Lisbeth [illegible] of the [illegible]

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FABULOUS BIRDS OF THE AGES

Sinbad Legends Come True

(BY DIANA RICE.)

I was convinced the dome I had seen was one of the eggs. Lo, that bird alighted upon the dome and brooded over it with its wings, stretching out its legs upon the ground." Thus Sinbad the Sailor described the fabulous bird, "as big as a mountain," that "fed its young ones on elephants" and flew off across mountains and seas carrying Sinbad in its claws.

This lively narrator in a chapter of the Arabian Nights calls his gigantic bird a rukh. To-day the Natural History Museum of London announces the acquisition of a fossilized flightless roc, or rukh, with five-foot legs, which scientists believe became extinct in historic times. Another wonder challenges searchers into the mysteries of the past.

Several years ago the shell of an egg with a two-gallon capacity was brought to Paris from the island of Mauritius, together with leg and wing bones of what was believed to have been a prehistoric bird of great size. French savants pondered the relics in a bewildered effort to reconstruct in the mind's eye a gigantic bird fifteen feet high, whose eggs were as large as the dome of a small mosque. Was it a flightless or a winged rukh? (Present-day scientists believe rukhs were always flightless.) But the search for proof continues. The Sinbad legend persists. "I saw it was a bird of enormous size, bulky body and wide wings, flying in the air, and this it was that concealed the body of the sun and veiled it from view upon the island." Was there once a giant flying bird "big as a mountain" which "threw a stone upon a ship, crushing it so it submerged in the sea?" Or is it fantasy spun by story-teller of dead ages?

THE HALCYON.

The halcyon, bird of happiness; the benu, sacred symbol of ancient worship, singing only at sunrise its song of incomparable sweetness; the phenix, the roc and the griffin, are all fabulous birds that have been immortalized by sculptors and painters. Reading the legends built up round their mythical origin, studying their forms in palace frieze and statued hall, a modern world has become familiar with these fantactic winged creatures. Poet and scholar have drawn inspiration from the feathered spirit tribe.

IMPERVIOUS TO FIRE.

"I have recreated France, and from the ashes of the old feudal and decrepit carcase civilization on her luminous wings soars Phoenix-like to Jove," wrote the ambitious Cardinal Richelieu planning a greater and a grander France. Did the scheming prelate see himself a parent phenix bringing into being another phenix that would soar to heights, undreamed? To ancient peoples the phenix was a symbol of the sun they worshipped. Whence came the bird revered in Greek mythology for its mysterious, supernatural power, the bird that lived 500 years on air alone? Some accounts say the phenix winged his way from Arabia to the Grecian isles, his folded pinions laden with sweet-smelling spices. He resembled the eagle; his plumage was beautiful, bright red and golden yellow. He built a nest of frankincense.

These and other myths have gathered about the bird said to have been impervious to fire, pestilence and flood, to have been able to propitiate the gods. When his life span waned, he offered himself a voluntary sacrifice, settling down upon a temple altar. From his ashes rose a young phenix, full-feathered and strong, that on the fourth day flew away to carry on the tradition of his forbears.

Similar in many respects, according to chroniclers of fantasy are the phenix and the benu. Like the phenix, the benu, frequently referred to in Persian and other Near Eastern annals, was a symbol of worship. Its appearance is likened to the modern egret that furnishes its luxurious osprey for women's hats. Its song was alluring; sweet, liquid notes heard only when the first flush of dawn pinked the sky. Useless for realist to attempt to recreate this bird. It remains as elusive as its song.

Amidst our arms as quiet you shall be
A halcyon brooding on a Winter's sea

is Dryden's reference to the bird of happiness which early Sicilians cherished as an omen of fair weather. The halcyon, so runs the story, laid its eggs on the surface of the sea seven days before the shortest day of the year For fourteen days it incubated those eggs. During this period skies remained clear and unstormy, the waves unruffled; hence the term "halcyon" days.

KINGFISHER.

The kingfisher, modern prototype of the fabulous halcyon, is believed to possess many of the latter's virtues. According to those who live near the sea, the plumage of a kingfisher hung in the doorway will protect the dwelling from lightning bolts during stormy seasons.

Mostly portents of good luck are these birds of fantasy and fable, bringing joy to those they favour. More ferocious is the griffin, with its bird head and lion body. This weird animal with its dual personality was reputed to punish greed by leaping on despoilers of the earth's riches and tearing the ocenders to pieces. In Asia, the griffin prowled and hovered over deposits of gold and precious stones, guarding them from adventuring caravans trekking the wilds to fill capacious saddle-bags with riches.

Crane, dove, heron and duck are among birds of historic times which resemble those fabulous birds of ancient days. Scratched on stone, the Chaldeans left behind them a bird with sharply curved beak. Its long wings, outspread, look like two fine-toothed combs. There is the fantasy bird of the Hopi Indian artist. Round and fat, with a small head, the fantasy bird is reflected in the art of Ceylon, Peru and Japan Egypt's thin-legged heron and Persia's duck in conventionalized forms reflect the imagination of ancient story tellers who put the birds into song and story.

The albatross is in the procession of feathered spirits, with its long pocket-tipped beak and bright eyes. So is the Ancient Mariner, with the shadowy albatross tied round his neck, on the deck of a ship that drifts becalmed upon "a painted ocean."

STRIKERS MUST BE REINSTATED

Manmad Workers' Demands

(From A Correspondent).
MANMAD, March 30.

A mass meeting of the G.I.P. Railway workers was held on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Porter Chawl, Manmad, when Mr. M.A. Telang presided. Railway workers from all Departments were present in the meeting. The President in his opening speech explained the various stages through which the Union had to pass and the various difficulties it had to face and informed the workers that it was due to the perseverance of the office-bearers of the Union and hearty support of the G.I.P. workers that the Union was recognised by the Agent.

RAILWAYMEN'S DEMANDS.

Mr. Zulmiram Chowdhuri of Bombay congratulated the workers on their sacrifice in the cause of the Union. Referring to the recognition of the Union by the Agent of the G.I.P. Railway, he said that it was alright so far as concessions and privileges were concerned for the organisation of the Union. He welcomed the assurance of the Agent to give all possible assistance to the Union and said that the reinstatement of 5,000 G.I.P. strikers and retrenched hands and the grant of the lock-out wages of the Matunga Workshop men were some of the problems which engaged the serious attention of the Union. He deplored the decision of the Agent in informing the Union that he would not discuss any question with it which transpired before the recognition of the Union and said that if the intention of the Agent was that the Union should let down the strikers, retrenched hands and the Matunga Workshop men as these cases transpired before the recognition of the Union, then he was asking for the impossible. He, however, hoped that the Agent would revise his decision and would agree to discuss with the representatives of the Union all matters that occurred prior to the recognition of the Union.

He [illegible] the workers with the resolution passed by the A.I.R.F. regarding general strike and the decision taken by the Executive Committee of the G.I.P. Rly. Workers' Union at Bhusaval and exhorted the workers to be quite in readiness to plunge in the fight [illegible].

REPRESENTATION ON UNIVERSITY COURT

Aligarh Old Boys' Demand

(From A Correspondent)
ALIGARH, Mar. 29.

The Aligarh Old Boys annual meeting and dinner came off on the 26th and 27th instant. Maulvi Tufail Ahmad, the oldest old boy present, was elected the president of the meeting. The Secretary read the report of the work of the Old Boys' Association for the last year. An important item on the agenda was the resolution calling upon the University authorities to recognise the right of the members of the Old Boys Association of representation on the University Court.

Khan Bahadur Habib Ullah Khan gave a report of the progress made by the Aftab Hostel, which was built in commemoration of the services of the late Sahibzada Aftab Ahmad in the cause of the Alma Matar. It was estimated that the Hostel would cost about Rs. 80,000. About two-thirds of the building was already complete and the rest should be completed by the time the University opened for the next session in October.

The programme after the dinner opened with musical entertainment from some of the students of the University, after which Mr. Abdul-Rahman, Vice-President of the University Union proposed the toast of the Old Boys. He paid a tribute to the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S. R. Masood, whose paternal love, and great solicitude for the welfare of every student, had won the hearts of all.

Khawaja Ghulam Sarwar, Bar-at-Law, responded to the Toast on behalf of the Old Boys. He ended by making exhortations to the students to be vigorous young men, to be workers first, workers second, and workers last.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his gratification at being able to convey to the Old Boys the tidings of the completion of three schemes, since they had met last. The first was the task of the electrification of the whole University area. The second was the construction of the Science Laborato-ries. Lasty, the acquirement of more than 50 acres of the fertile land in the Aligarh District, the Agricultural Farm. This, he hoped, would form a basis for an Agricultural College in the near future.

Mr. Ranis-botham, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, elaborated what the Vice-Chancellor had said about the work done during the last year. He paid a tribute to the Vice-Chancellor, whose constant help and guidance had been of great help to him in the discharge of his duties.

Professor Advami of the Hindu College, Delhi, spoke on behalf of the guests. He gave expression to a favourable impression that the Aligarh University had created on him and paid tribute to the Vice-Chancellor.

FLAG OF MAID OF ORLEANS

Presented To President Doumer

At the Elysee Palace, Lord Tyrrell, British Ambassador, presented an exact copy of the original Joan of Arc standard to President Paul Doumer. The standard is the gift of the Anglo-French Luncheon Club of London and will be placed in the nave of the Cathedral of Rheims during the fetes on May 3, anniversary of the death of the Maid of Orleans.

Lord Tyrrell arrived at the Elysee accompanied by Colonel Waterhouse, Military Attache, and Mr. Steel, Secretary of the Embassy. There were present also representatives of the donors, Lieutenant Colonel Worsley Gough, Mrs. Aubrey Le Blond, Mr. and Mrs. Adler. In addition there were the Marquis de Vogue, President and MM. Jacques Arnavon and Edouard Bouquet, secretaries of the Association France-Grande Bretagne, and M. Justin Godart, President. Sir Thomas Barclay and Lady Barclay, vice president, and Charles Braibant, secretary, of the Amities Internationales, French section.

Lord Tyrrell, in presenting the standard, told how his compatriots, in their profound love for France, had gone to the surest historical sources to reconstruct the standard. Lord Tyrrell also presented a parchment to the President bearing the names of the donors.

President Doumer, in receiving the standard, declared it was a new symbol of the bonds uniting both nations.

200 HOMELESS

ATHENS (By Mail).—After a series of earthquakes which felled numerous houses in half a dozen villages of the island of Cephalonia in the Ionian Sea, the people are still camping in the open today, afraid to reenter their homes. At least eight persons were seriously injured, and the material damage is reported extensive. Shocks were felt also in the Island of Zante, but little destruction resulted.

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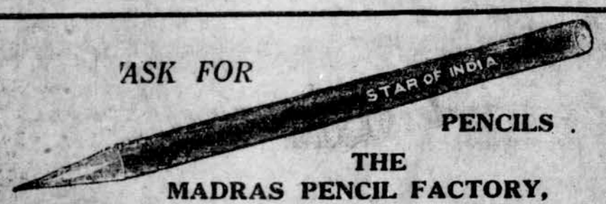
'ASK FOR 

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DISSOLUTION OF HINDU MARRIAGES

EDUCATED WOMAN'S SPIRITED PROTEST TO ESCAPE FROM MAN-MADE LAWS

Sir Hari Sing's Bill for the Dissolution of Hindu Marriage, has, he says in an article in the "New World" of November issue been more than once revived in the Assembly, sustaining defeats at the hand, not only of the social reactionaries, but of the so-called social reformers and what is astonishing, the European Group of the House, writes Shrimati Maya Devi.

The pros and cons of the Bill, I think, need some measure of home-truths to put them through the acid test.

I will take upon myself a share of the onus to prove the case of the pros. I make to pass a sweeping but nonetheless an emphatic assertion, that the institution of marriage universally, sacramental or contractual, is cankered and rotten to the core. Its moral vertebero in some cases is entirely lacking, and in some cases stunted in others feeble.

THE MARK.

The essential spirit of marriage is not honestly believed in. The man and the woman married to one another in the name of God, present the most appalling spectacle of dismal phantasm to every penetrating eye. And what intelligent eye cannot penetrate through the mark, for all the melodramatic hypocrisy assumed to camouflage its rottenness? The deceit in the spirit of marriage gives rise to the incalculate false deeds, that must be its natural offsprings. It is the most fantastic farce ever enacted on the visible stage of human life. It is a complete failure in its moral, religious and aesthetic aspects and results. It reeks with non-respectability and immorality. With the full conception of these premises let us try to make out a brief for the compensations a woman can legitimately claim for the complete depletion of her womanhood under this artificial and malefi-cent so-called spiritual bondage.

Of all the dangers in marrriage, as the institution exists even today, nothing could be said to be more destructive to its stability, than the laws that have been set up and drawn to cut off one half and throw it into a condition of degradation and humiliation, and the privileges all exclusively enjoyed by the other half. That the vaunted essence of divinity, with which the word and state of marriage is endowed, is shore piffle, is self-evident from the infidelism that honeycombs the halloed humbug; from top to bottom.

Judging from the main standpoints of the matrimonial history of the world, (except where matriarchy and polyandry prevail) justice towards women has forever been and is even now positive jeopardy. No voice can at any time have protested against the fact, even as it cannot now do, and say that it is not so.

SOCIAL ANATHEMA.

Texts from "Smritikars" are quoted to illustrate the outshining examples of our Ancient laws of magnanimity towards the women, laws that no other country could vie with, when for instance, it allowed a wife to choose another spouse within three months, should her husband be abroad for that short period! (NARAD.24.) Have any returns been ever taken to substantiate the fact by figures or instances of the practice of this precept? Not one I presume could be found. The reason for the evasion for exercising this freedom given by Law, is less in the flesh not being willing, but more because the spirit has been so tutored to be cowed down by canons of social anathema, that it renders the law abortive.

For a man that law is superfluous. When he goes abroad, which he does much more so now than he ever did, from his homestead in ancient times, and taken up his abode in foreign countries, where women's companionship is not taboo, but quite open to promiscuous indulgence, when he lives amidst such a society for years, it is to be naturally taken for granted that he becomes amenable to its little peccadilloes. He sows a few 'wild-oats' and returns with a brazenface of defiance, having violated every sacramental or contractual article of faith in the matrimonial covenant, to the arms of a wife, who in the meantime has been expected to keep her martial chastity like Caeser's wife above suspicion.

Argus-eyes of the family are fixed on her, that her "Girdle of Chastity" is preserved inviolate atleast twelve times over the three months prescribed by the Ancient laws. She must keep the pearl of her youthful and vigorous womenhood from any taint of impurity for the condescending acceptance of a befouled spouse.

UNFAIR TO WOMEN.

How numerous are the instances in these days of "going-abroad" of young and middle-aged married students, whose wives, are left to a forced celibacy for years on end? What consideration has ever been given to the price a woman has to pay for this unquenched longing a wife has to suffer in the absence of her ligitimate mate? One can fully understand the worthwhileness of such a suffering, when there is the remotest compensation in the thought that the suffering of her forced celibacy is mutual, that the object of her sufferings is willing to honour her with reciprocal continence. But we know that no such thing can be expected of a MAN. Because he is a Man and therefore we have been nicely hood winked into being taught to believe that Man by nature is ployigamous, and so consequently his assertion of biological characteristics must not, not only b elooked upon with infinite tolerance, but also as a Divine Right.

Although when the subject of polygamy has been raised; in so far as it applies to actual matrimony, we have been assured that it is not because the provision is meant to give any licence to the nature of the brute, but for the purpose of balancing the sex-ratio. Yet we find in the statistics, that the ratio is the reverse in India, and so what if to balance the sex-ratio, polyandry were to be instituted as a measure? That would ofcourse at once-rouse "The Angry Ape" in the bosom of the civilised man. But may we enquire in what manner these extra heads of men are being accommodated, those whose nature; by biological and Divine Right must be continually provided with mates? The answer is easy. They balance the sex-ratio by the authority divinely granted to them, by a system of extra-marital concubinage, either by illicit amours in the country or abroad. Married or unmarried, men indulge in polygamic revels. If that was not so, the institution of prostitution would not have endured with such a tenacity as it has from times immemorial. The question is, has the real nature of woman ever been seriously investigated into put under the microscope of human lens; stripped of the time-encrusted elaborate finickings of spiritual grace and physical fragility (a fragility that is of no account when it comes to being mutilated so ruthlessly in early marriage and annual child-birth) and divinity of motherhood, etc., that have been superimposed on her natal appearance? Stripped of these holy ornamintations let is look at her naked as Providence designed her to be, before Man bequeathed her with the specious attributes, in the acceptance of which she had no choice of her own.

CURIOUS COMPULSION.

In the mode of her advent into the light of day, nothing distinguished her from that of the male. Nothing noticeably differentiated her career in the mother's womb from that of a male child. In the process of her conception, the parents did not follow any different procedure than in the process of conception which produced a male child. Whence then comes this curious compulsion of disparity that is only conspicuous by its absence at birth? The biological dissimilarity is merely an accident, and a premium has been set on it, as the fundamental basis of an opposite and divergent code of ethics. Nothing of the sort. The dissimilarity is merely Nature's dovetailing, for the purpose of propagation. It must be a complementary arrangement. Nothing can be successfully dovetailed which does not posses the identical composition uniform consistency, for its cohesion. The substance, which let us term, parental impulse, must as Nature had meant it be identical in both why should it be by any wildest stretch of imagination, supposed, that the parental impulse is in the slightest degree more intense, more sublime than that of the paternal, confounds a rational mind. And moreover, considering, that the paternal-parental impulse is always more susceptible to the least stimulation, than the maternal. In fact more often than not, actual maternal impulse is a matter of involuntary stimulation than a spontaneous one, One might go so far as to assert, that it is a matter of compulsion. Ask the majority of women who are mothers of a large family, whether, if they had any choice in the matter, they would have voluntarily cared to be so prolific, whether every time it was the spontaneity of the maternal impulse that impelled them to become mothers and whether it was identically the same merely carnal desire for mating, just like the man's usual concupiscent gratification, that was the prime stimulant. If they are truthful, they will answer in the affirmative. It is merely an incidental consequence that it results in after a long and tedious process into maternal manifestation.

THAT RESPECTABLE MOTHER CLASS.

In short it is quite certain that women are as much or as little, endowed with the instinct of philo-progenitiveness, as the men. If that were not intrinsically true, no amount of health and economic reasons for the propaganda of Eugenics would have induced progenerating-maniacs to lend even half an ear to what must be to them, the absolute profane campaigns of Birth-control. Especially among the respectable mother-class. The fact is, they are tired of playing the fiddle with the one monotonous heavy classical sonata of Motherhood the one solitary piece they have been made to practise and play without even the flourishing touches since they take up the fiddle of matrimony. Some may have been prodigies in the art, considering they showed the aptitude of playing the tune from the age of ten, (of which instances are not unknown, and a feat of which the parents have been proud to boast of) but a time does come when such applause becomes galling to the tired-out performer.

The mother-women are tired out. The performance has been too strenuous a task for them. And is there any wonder? And so ends the paramount scheme intended by Man-made laws to attribute an emblematical fiction of the impulse of divine maternity to women.

(To be continued)

11th "Dictator" Of Muttra Arrested

(From A Correspondent.)

MUTTRA, March 31.

The police arrested three persons, on the 23rd instant. A student of the Benares Hindu University, and two local Congress workers, in connection with "Bhagat Singh Day." The police also took away all the clothes and beddings of the arrested persons from the Dharamshala where they were putting up.

FLAG DAY

On March 27, the Congress Committee celebrated the month flag salutation. In the morning a Prabhat Pheri was taken out by the ladies. At 8 a.m. Flag Salutation was held at Gandhi Park. In this connection two arrests were made. One of the arrested persons was the eleventh "Dictator" of the District.

SILVER JUBILEE OF ARYA SAMAJ

The local Arya Samaj has been celebrating its Silver Jubilee since 24th last. Among the notable arrivals in this connection are Mehta Jaimini, the famous Arya traveller, and Pandits Shiv Sharma and Kalicharan.

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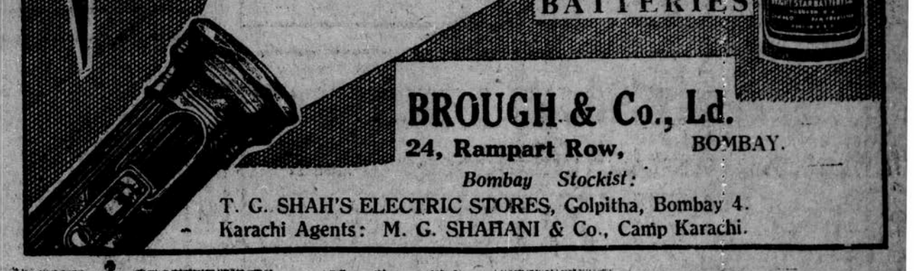

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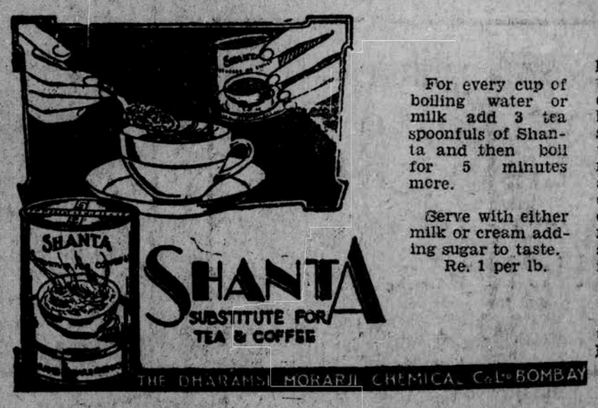

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RAMON NOVARRO IN A GREAT FILM AT THE CAPITOL

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The "Son of India", the film which will be shown for the first time in India at the Capitol Theatre to-night, is a picture which will create wide-spread interest in this country and, no doubt a good deal of controversy. As a film, its attractions are without question, very great, and, since the scene is laid throughout in India and for the greater part of the story in Bombay, the attraction for audiences here will naturally be all the greater.

Apart from this, Ramon Novarro, who plays the hero of the story, has not yet lost the great personal attractions which have made him one of the most popular figures of the Screen during the past few years. And the part which he plays, of the wealthy young jewel merchant, with the dazzling splendour of a Prince, and the love stoory of which he is the principal figure, provide opportunities for his romantic temperament and dramatic talent which are used to the full.

THE ETERNAL PROBLEM.

It is psychological aspect of the story, however, which will provoke much discussion, especially in a country, where the problem of inter-racial marriages is one of extreme acuteness for it has a direct appeal to the sympathies or prejudice, as the case may be, of every man and woman who will see this film. We are told that the story is an adaptation of "Marion Crawford's famous novel 'Mr. Isaacs'". But such liberties have been taken with the book, if not actually with the plot, that it really constitutes an original creation. The problem is that created by the mutual love—overpowering, compelling love at first sight—of a young Indian and a European girl. It is not the critic's part to enter into the controversial issues which arise out of such a situation. Suffice it to say, that they are treated on the screen in this picture with a delicacy and tact which need cause no offence to any one, Indian or European, whatever atitude he or she may hold towards a human problem, which in this country is eternal.

A DOUBTFUL ENDING.

We are left in some doubt,—at least the writer was, when this film was released for his inspection a few days ago—as to what actually is the outcome of the perplexity of the situation in which two lovers find themselves, when the realisation of the future possibilities of such a marriage is brought home to them. This no doubt from the Producers' point of view is convenient and intentional.

Those of us who are prepared, and rightly so, to sacrifice everything for the triumph of romance, can satisfy ourselves with the reflection that, perhaps, after all the lovers who have excited our sympathy, and even our tears, will not be separated. Others whose outlook is more prosaic and practical, as well as those with whom racial prejudice dominates all sympathy, will be satisfied to believe that "Karim" the hero, has sacrifised his own immediate happiness and obviously that of the lady on the altar of reason and self-abnegation. All that the critic is concerned with is, that this picture-drama unfolds the story of the spontaneous and deep love of two beautiful young people, which must—or ought to—touch a deep chord of sympathy in every human heart.

SOME TECHNICAL FLAWS.

Technically the film has faults. But they are faults which can be forgiven because the producers, as all good American producers do, have given us a story set amidst scenes which are at times splendid, at other times, thrilling, and always strong enough to hold our interest. It is a pity, however, that they did not procure the assistance of Indian experts. They would not then perhaps have been guilty of some of the solecisms, if one may use the word in this connection, which marr an otherwise perfect picture. The hero, though obviously intended to be a Hindu, is given a name which only a Mahomedan can possess. The scenes in the Bombay streets, and the people moving about in them,—with the exception of the yellow pagried sepoy—suggest rather a city in the far north, and the Police Court scene though entertaining, is unlike anything that could be associated with Bombay. Otherwise, the local colour is good. The scenes in the mountains are magnificent and that in the jungles, where the enemy of Karim, who killed his father and is out to kill him, is trampled to death by an infuriated elephant, is one of the most realistic things of its kind ever shown on the film screen.

THE CHARACTERS.

Ramon Novarro as the hero, is as handsome, debonair and spirited as ever. He looks a real Indian aristocrat and never loses the illusion of the character he represents. Madge Evans, as the young American girl, on whom the spell of India has fallen is restrained, romantic and always charming. Conrad Nagel, as the brother acts with the force and personal affection that characterises him in every role he fills.

"Son of India" is a picture which every human lover should see, for it is of absorbing interest from start to finish.

SON OF INDIA

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Ramon Novarro
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John Miljan.

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Story: A wealthy jewel merchant and his son (Ramon Novarro) are travelling through the mountains towards Bombay and halt at a village to see some jugglers perform. The wealth of the caravan is noted by Juggat (John Miljan) headman of the villagers who are more or less bandits and that night he and his followers attack the caravan. The merchant is killed but Novarro's life is saved by Rao Rama, a holy man to whom Novarro has rendered an unnecessary but well-intentioned service. Later in Bombay a merchant to whom Novarro tries to sell a magnificent diamond, the only gem saved from his father's collection, hauls Novarro into court on the charge of stealing the jewel, but an American tourist (Conrad Nagel) gives testimony in his defence and frees Novarro, whoever after regards the American as the founder of his fortune. Novarro becomes wealthy and at a dinner given in his honour as captain of a victorious polo team, he meets a beautiful American girl (Madge Evans). Flouting conventions she accepts his invitation to accompany him on a tiger hunt and in the jungle they declare their love for each other. Novarro recognises in one of the beaters the hillman, Juggat who kill his father, Juggat's (John Miljan) attempt to kill Novarro results in his own terrible death beneath the feet of Novarro's favourite elephant. Janio (Madge Evans) has promised to marry Karim (Ramon Novarro). Her outraged aunt (Marjorie Rambeau) who is chaperoning her sends for her brother, who proved to be none other than the American who befriended Novarro in Bombay. Novarro has been taught that it is a sin to refuse to pay a debt of gratitude and when Darsay (Conrad Nagel) asks him not to go through the marriage he is forced to consent.

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MONDAY, April 4.

Governor's Hospital Fund for Bombay, Meeting of the General Committee, H. E. the Governor presiding, Secretariat, 6 p.m.

TO-DAY'S INDIAN RADIO PROGRAMME.—12 noon Selection of Gramophone Records. 9-10 p.m. Next Week's Amusements by "The Picturegoes", also in Marathi and Gujerathi. 9-30 p.m. Review of Stage and Screen by limelight. 9-45 p.m. Classical Music by Ramakhanna Buwarase with Dattaram Nirwatker.

BUDDHA SOCIETY.—The Fortnightly Class of the Society will be conducted by Mr. K. A. Padhye, Advocate, on Sunday (3rd April) at 9 a.m. (S. T.) at Anand Vihara, near National Medical College, next to Central Station. The Subject for the Class will be "Woman's Place in Buddhism."

PRARTHANA SAMAJ.—In connection with the 65th Anniversary of the Bombay Prarthana Samaj, Prof V. K. Joag will perform the Harikirtan to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. (S. T.)

SOUTH INDIAN SANGHEETHA SABHA:—Under the auspices of the above Sabha, Brahmashiv P. T. Srinivasa Babhawathar of Chingleput, will give a performance of Harikatha Kalakshepam on "Nandanar" on Sunday (3rd April) at 4 p.m. at the Byramjee Jijibhoy Hall, Matunga.

MRS. RANSOM-KEHLER'S LECTURE:—Mrs. Keith Ransom-Kehler, M.A., (of America) will lecture in English at the Hall of the Theosophical Society (French Bridge, Chowpati) to-day (Saturday) evening at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.), on "The Spiritual Basis of Citizenship". It is open to the public.

MRS. KEHLER TO CONDUCT STUY CLASSES.

Every morning from to-day (Saturday) to Thursday, the 7th instant, a Study Class will be conducted by Mrs. Keith Ransom-Kehler, of New York, at 10 o'clock at the Bahai Hall, Krishna Building opposite Bori Bunder, for those interested in the practical solution of the world's grave problems laid down by the Founder of the Bahai Faith.

VILE PARLE SANSKRIT PATHSHALA.

Under the auspices of Vile Parle Sanskrit Pathshala a public meeting will be held at Brahma Nivas on Sunday at 8-30 a.m. when Mr. Vinayak Nanabhai Hate, B.Sc. will deliver a public lecture on "Atma Tatva".

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POSTAL NOTICE.

Superscribed Mails for Laurenzo Marquis and South Africa per extra S.S. "Kathiawar" via Dhanushkodi and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 6-30 p.m. on Monday the 4th inst.

THE UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS.

"Reincarnation Explained" is the subject of a public lecture at the Hall of The United Lodge of Theosophists, 51, Esplanade Road, on Sunday at 6-15 p.m.

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SHAUKAT ALI IN FIGHTING MOOD AT PEACE COMMITTEE.

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justified in going their way. I have my own work.

"BEST AMONGST MUSLIMS"

"To-day for the first time in this city the Congress has chosen one of the best men among Muslims—Sardar Suleman Kassum Mitha and declared a boycott against him. I as a Muslim do not want to interfere with Congress processions. They are fighting with the British people. I have my own programme. I am fighting in the interests of my country and my community.

WILL PICKET CONGRESS?

Mr. Shaukat Ali continuing said that the Congress was trying to bully Muslims.

"If this picketing is not withdrawn I am writing to Mrs. Naidu and we will start picketing the Congress. It will be the beginning of such an unfortunate thing that the whole country will suffer. I want this Committee to function. I will place myself entirely at your disposal.

"I want honourable peace. I want peace between Hindus and Hindus and Hindus and Muslims. I am a man of peace. But if a fight is forced it is very unfortunate. It means declaration of war. I am a peace maker. Most of the Congress workers are my co-workers. I want them to be friends with Muslims. I have come to this Committee to stop this bullying. Neither should Hindus bully Muslims nor should Muslims bully Hindus."

The Maulana ended by saying that the Congress had no right to enforce civil disobedience upon those who did not believe in it "and if they did there will be trouble."

Mr. M. I. David asked Mr. Shaukat Ali what he suggested to end the troube)

Maulana: Ask the Congress to withdraw picketing.

The report of the Committee was adopted and with a vote of thanks to the Chair the meeting terminated.

AGA KHAN TOURNAMENT.

The Brijraj Young Men from Kirkee defeated, to-day, (Friday), the St. Mary's High School by five goals to one.

PRARTHATHANA SAMAJ.

On Sunday the 3rd April 1932 Mr. S. V. Phadnis will deliver a Public Lecture in English on "The Eternal Wheel of Religion" at 9 a.m. (S. T.) and Prof. R. D. Ranade will conduct the Closing Divine Service in English at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.).

THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE

SATURDAY APRIL 2, 1932.

THE FLOWING TIDE.

The statement issued by Dr. Ambedkar, which is published in another column, disclosing private correspondence on the subject of electorates which took place between him and Messrs. Gawai and Jatav respectively will not, we imagine, make much impression on the public. The object, of course, is to discredit the Raja-Moonje Pact and the support it has received in the country. Dr. Ambedkar is audacious enough to assert that the Pact has been repudiated by the Depressed Classes all over India and that the Association is only a paper organisation. His first contention is so extravagant that it need not be seriously discussed. It is known that the Pact has received very wide and influential support. Depressed Classes institutions all over the country have declared their adhesion to it.

To cite only one case, the memorandum declaring for joint electorates, submitted to the Franchise Committee in Bombay by Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar and other local leaders of his community, was supported by 145 Associations and 5,000 members of the community. The Memorandum declared unreservedly for joint electorates. Only three days ago we published the wires sent to Lord Lothian by about twenty Depressed Class Associations of Bombay supporting the Raja-Moonje Pact specifically. It is absurd for Dr. Ambedkar and his official friends to attempt to ignore this increasing support for joint electorates.

As regards the All-India Depressed Classes Association, which Dr. Ambedkar calls a paper Association, everybody knows that this body has been recognised for the last six or seven years as one of the largest, if not the largest, of All-India organisations of the Depressed Classes, with a membership of about 40,000 persons. As for Mr. Raja's connection with the Association, Mr. R. Gawai, one of its founders, stated at a meeting of the Franchise Committee at Delhi that since its formulation in 1925 Mr. Raja has been yearly elected its President, though in 1929 Dr. Ambedkar's name was proposed but fell through for want of a seconder. Yet merely because Dr. Moonje, before concluding a Pact with Mr. Raja, attempted negotiations with Dr. Ambedkar, the latter childishly remarks: "Evidently Dr. Moonje did not think Mr. Raja the representative of the Depressed Classes to be negotiated with."

Dr. Ambedkar's publication of private correspondence will hardly serve any purpose beyond showing that he is indifferent to the honourable restrictions imposed on disclosure of private letters by the ethics of decent controversy. At the Delhi meeting of the Franchise Committee also he attempted to read a private letter he had received but Mr. Chintamani objected and the Chairman upheld the objection. The principal letters now published by Dr. Ambedkar merely show that Mr. Gawai was strongly in favour of separate electorates even a few days before he accepted the Raja-Moonje Pact. Change of views in politics is nothing uncommon among persons who are free to keep an open mind and are capable of keeping an open mind with regard to controversies. Dr. Ambedkar himself was strongly in favour of joint electorates before he changed his mind. If he has now committed himself so far that he is not free to go back to his earlier convictions, he cannot deny to others the freedom which he has himself exercised before. Much less is he entitled to question, as he does in his statement, "the bona fides of the change of view these persons have undergone". It is too late to stem the flowing tide of support for joint electorates from the Depressed Classes and it certainly cannot be done by the questionable methods employed by Dr. Ambedkar.

Whipping Must Be Stopped

While in India there seems to be an increasing tendency on the part of the magistracy to administer whipping as a punishment both to adults and young boys, the tendency in Europe and particularly in England is exactly the opposite. On the Children's and Young Persons' Bill lately introduced in Parliament, a number of speeches were made in the Standing Committee against whipping as a deterrent to crime, when an amendment was moved to take away the option of the magistrates to inflict a fine in lieu of corporal punishment. It was stated that the British magistrates on the whole condemned whipping, because its effect was in the contrary direction to what was intended by the State. The Government spokesman himself informed the members that whipping had been found unsatisfactory in this respect.

Those who advocate this kind of punishment to juveniles have to remember that whipping at home or in the schools is altogether different to what is given by the magistrates. In India the cuts are administered on the bare buttocks of the victims, and very few will agree that they reform or cure the victim. In India the Ordinances have made it possible to inflict whipping on juveniles who are convicted of doing what they think to be a patriotic duty. If whipping is morally harmful to British boys it must also be equally harmful to Indian boys. In England its use is deprecated even in cases where moral turpitude is involved. To whip boys whose crime, if it be one, is the result of their being carried away by patriotic enthusiasm, we have not the least doubt, would be strongly condemned by British public opinion. Not only on political grounds, but on humanitarian grounds, this form of punishment is to be condemned, and the sooner it is removed from the Indian Penal Code the better it will be. We condemn its use not only by the magistrates, but also in jails for all kinds of supposed offences. Petty officials in temporary authority are apt to estimate their own importance in exaggerated terms and it is dangerous to arm them with powers for doing ill to others.

MUNICIPALITIES AND POLITICS

The Bombay Mayor's ruling that the Corporation shall not discuss any politics should not be allowed to be the last word on the subject. There is politics and politics. It may not be desirable for the Corporation to discuss certain kinds of politics though we are not sure that mere discussion is "ultra vires" of any Municipal Act whatever the Advocate-General may say. But when a political topic has any bearing on municipal affairs, it is not only permissible but obligatory for a municipality to discuss it and even to take suitable action within its constitutional powers. We do not think that there is any clause in any Municipal Act requiring a municipality to taboo all kinds of politics. It should be the first duty of the new Corporation to safeguard its rights and privileges in this matter.

MODERNISE THEM

Dr. B.C. Roy, Mayor of Calcutta, observed in his speech at the session, last week, of the All-India Medical Conference at Calcutta regarding the merits of the indigenous systems of medicine: "The Ayurvedic and Unani systems have grown to a remarkable extent in this country and have held their own through centuries. And the All-India Medical Council, sooner or later, will have to recognise the contributions of these systems in the treatment of disease." It is a pity, however, that neither Government nor the members of the Indian medical profession trained in the Allopathic system, have so far done anything like justice to these systems. There may be several errors and defects in there ancient methods of cure but it is the duty of the State and the experts to correct the errors and remedy the defects, just as they have had to do in the case of the Allopathic system. It is a crime against Science and Humanity to neglect the well-tried indigenous systems of medical relief.

HOW PEACE IS PROMOTED!

England always leads the way with a pacifist Premier in the saddle and a Tory majority behind him. A new kind of shell has been invented by the great armament firm of Hadfields which can pierce armour of the best quality. The other day the Germans had invented similar bullets which had a deadly effect on armour plate. With all these new inventions at a time when the Disarmament Conference is sitting at Geneva its task must become doubly easy, and we have no doubt delightful speeches full of pacifist sentiments will be delivered by the orators of several nations before they disperse to prepare for the next predatory incursion either in Asia, or in Africa, where the population is generally unarmed and not proof even against the mildest sort of shells and bullets. Seriously speaking, as long as bankers rule the destinies of the world, so long will there be no peace. Money, religion and armaments always go together.

THE MISLEADING ASSERTION

At the recent annual general meeting of the Bombay Art Society Mr. Wiles, the President of the Society, is reported to have made the statements published elsewhere. It is unfortunate that in the press statement issued on behalf of the Society little space was found for the speech of Mr. Lalkaka, who, it would appear, endeavoured to inform the members of the correct position of the India Society. However that may be, we hasten to point out that Mr. Wiles' brief for the India Society is entirely unconvincing. Not one of the facts, very well-known to the readers of the "Chronicle," that have helped to discredit the recent activities of the India Society in London, have been even attempted to be refuted by the President of the Bombay Art Society. It is futile to repeat what has been said over and over again on behalf of the India Society.

There is no "assumption" on the part of those who have watched the recent activities of the India Society with growing despair. The historic facts are all against the Society. And, if Sir Francis Younghusband wishes to help the Society informed opinion in India would demand more than the mere contradiction of assumptions. Facts must be answered by facts. Facts alone will clear up the position of the India Society. If it is necessary, as it seems to be, we shall in a future issue renarrate the biassed and reactionary attitude of the India Society.

FREE PRESS & CIVILISATION

What Are The Criteria Of Freedom ?

(BY "WAYFARER")

Sir Evelyn Howell's statement in the Legislative Assembly made in defence of the Foreign Relations Bill, cannot but come as a surprise to those who have lived under the delusion that not only the British but the entire world Press, certainly, in the *civilized* countries, enjoyed a status of freedom as it is reasonably interpreted and that no direct State restrictions were imposed on the ordinary newspaper activities of publicity and criticism in regard to questions of general and international interest.

LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENT.

We are told, in effect, that a piece of legislation like the F. R. Bill essentially operates in all *civilized* countries. The compliment is addressed to the British Press which ought not to lack in the grace of accepting it for all that it implies. The Baronical Press, at least, should now display the character it receives from so distinguished an authority on law and order as the spokesman of the Government of India. The group of newspapers owned and controlled by the twin-barons of the British Empire represent today the modern British Press the ideals () it stands for: and that Press is the least likely to protest against the manner in which the categorical statement is issued by Sir Evelyn Howell.

THE "SERVILE" PRESS.

The truth of the matter is that the Free Press in England is moribund with the old English liberalism. And in its place has grown up the institution that the neo-romantics and other idealists label as the Servile Press. The commercial era of cartels and organised finance has created this institution and its power signalizes the passing away of the individualistic tradition of the nineteenth century. The bourgeois ideal of democracy is dying steadily and the last barricades put up in its defence are crumbling to the ground. The outcry of a small minority that survives the powerful onslaught of capitalist-imperialist industrialism, the wail that the menace of the beer-grease-and —ladies'— underwear magnates and barons and their 'penny whistles' that charm the proletarian ear of a quarter-educated British public, is gaining power day by day, is a clear reaction of this process.

FRENCH FREEDOM.

The present-day transitional period presents similar results in Europe where Fascism has had a considerable vogue. Freedom everywhere is a lost ideal; truth is becoming more and more disreputable. Yet Europe suffers, a few countries to remain free: and France, perhaps, which boasts a cosmopolitan cultural tradition, so characteristic of Latin emotionalism, is one of them. Is France civilized? That is the question we must ask now since Sir E. Howells defines the essentials of a *civilized* country. That the Republican spirit of freedom still lingers in the country of Anatole France and Zola. Barres and Barbusse may be easily seen from a remarkable instance of the French love of freedom of expression that was reported recently.

BANNED PUBLICATION.

A French monthly believed to be anti-British in sentiment published not long ago a special number in which several special articles and caricatures were featured. This number was seized in transit by the Post Office under governmental orders as the caricatures were found to be offensive for purposes of Anglo-French friendship, although according to the editor the real provocation was to be traced in a quite remarkably sensational and clever article on the British Secret Service.

SUCCESSFUL PROTEST.

The article has since been reproduced in certain American journals and contains startling revelations regarding the imperial Intelligence organization. The moment, however a ban was placed on the circulation of this journal, a strong protest against this attack on the freedom of French Press was organised. It was pointed out that it would be a national humiliation for the French Press to be dictated to by foreign powers and this dangerous precedent, unheard of in the history of the French Press, would be exploited by Mussolini and other dictators. The ban was immediately raised.

HURRAH FOR CIVILIZATION.

The editor of this French journal pointed out that if the British were to dictate to the French Press in the matter of the latter's conduct, there was a number of British journals which should long have been suppressed. Freedom carries with it its implications of responsibility. There are canons of good taste and normal laws enforcing decency and responsibility on the publishers and writers of newspapers. The line, at any rate, could be drawn between freedom and license, criticism and propaganda, and if freedom of criticism is to be suppressed, the best thing would be to suppress the Press itself. If the Indian journalists are to be prevented from noticing international events which may in themselves be quite harmless but which certain foreign powers may like to cover with the secrecy of the 'purdah', good-bye to all and every kind of freedom of expression. Yet we are asked to accept Sir Evelyn Howell as a saviour of civilization!

Notes of the Day

Only One Side.

The "Economist" of London, not ready to swallow Sir Samuel Hoare's statements on India, without a word of criticism or protest, says of his latest statement: "We are left with an uncomfortable feeling that the picture which he has drawn for us represents only one side of a highly debatable case." Suspicious in particular of the rigorous censorship of Indian news transmitted to Britain, the paper says of such censorship that it is "a specific illustration of the way in which the Emergency Orders are being administered" and that "it does inevitably raise serious misgivings in regard to the present drift of Indian affairs."

How History Is Made?

Like the British income-tax payers the Surat ryots delight in paying Government dues even in such hard times as these and they do it with joy after shouting "Sarkarki Jai." All this enthusiasm reminds us of similar shouts at Amritsar and Lahore after the Martial Law regime a few years ago when the people congratulated the officers who issued crawling and indulged in other forms of "firm rule." Now they are all cursing the Congressmen for their rascality in misleading them and blessing the officials and incidentally the veracious Anglo-Indian propagandist, for publishing their apologies so prominently. Everybody is happy in Surat from the number of communiques issued from that quarter. Now the good Collector is celebrating the occasion by a grand darbar and all these joyous functions are to be capped with an "At Home" by the Collector to the Commissioner. This is how contemporary history is made and written in India and we hope no one will be so irreverent as to suggest that it is not all entirely credible.

Conservatives In Session.

The silly season has begun in Lucknow apparently, for the session of the All-India Conservative Party was held. The gathering was full of "influential" persons, and was presided over by a Khan Bahadur. The meeting ended by blaming the Congress and the Mahatma for the "no-rent-campaign" and gave its whole-hearted support to the Government in the maintenance of "Peace, Law and Order." It will require all their co-operation in keeping these intact, because they are a rare commodity in these days. The country was assured that the "Conservatives were no whit behind the most forward sections of the country in advancing the cause of India." We shall not be surprised if after these great activities, the Party goes to sleep like Rip van Winkle and wakes up in time for the next Darbar either by the Collector or by some equally great potentate there.

Independent Inquiry Wanted.

The District Magistrate, Benares, admits in a communique that "a magistrial inquiry into the allegations made against certain police constables of Dasawamedh Thana shows that a 'prima facie' case has been made out against one head constable and four constables." These men have, therefore, been suspended and are to be prosecuted. But the allegations of ill-treatment of women political prisoners, made against the police in the matter, were so grave as to call for something more than a magisterial inquiry in the first instance. The public of Benares demanded an independent inquiry into the matter and it is not enough to hold some sort of departmental inquiry and put the blame on only a few subordinates.

PRINCES TO HAVE LAST SAY ON INDIAN CONSTITUTION

All Demands And No Commitments

NEW DELHI, April 1.

Both the Princes' Chamber and the Galleries were crowded when the sitting was resumed this morning under the presidency of the Viceroy.

The Chancellor, the Nawab of Bhopal, moved what he said was the most important resolution of the session which ran:

"This Chamber declares that the States will join an All-India Federation on the assumption that the Crown will accept the responsibility for securing to them the following guarantees.

(a) that the necessary safeguards will be embodied in the constitution.

(b) that under the constitution their rights arising from the treaties or sanads or engagements remain inviolate and inviolable.

(c) that the sovereignty and internal independence of the States remain intact and are preserved and fully respected and that the obligations of the Crown to the States remain unaltered.

To secure this end, the Chamber authorises its representatives further to carry on negotiations in accordance with the mandate given to them at informal meetings of the Princes and retains the right to examine the whole constitution in its completed form and draft bill before the final ratification by the Chamber and by each individual State."

AMPLE SAFEGUARDS

The Nawab of Bhopal said that whatever had happened in the past, a new chapter was being opened and that they could safely believe that in future they would be immune from encroachment upon their treaty rights, and that their economic interests would be fully safeguarded.

NO COMMITMENT

The Maharaja of Patiala emphasised the need for stable elements, but one of the necessary conditions was that the Crown should be capable of discharging its obligations to the Princes under the treaties.

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make the matter quite translucent:—

"The Journal has become, it may be said, a Congress partisan, on the conductors own admission. But, the conductors beg to demur."

So we can all agree to demur!

Tipsy-Cake

Congress workers in Lahore who organised a "Go Back Lothian!" demonstration in Lahore were arrested and taken into police custody, after which they will doubtless be dealt with by a magistrate. The police officers who organised the "Go Back Chintamani and Co.!" demonstration are only to be dealt with departmentally.

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"Go Back Chintamani and Co.!", of course, is not so serious an offence as "Go Back Lothian!" They are only Indian members of the Franchise Committee. Besides, they haven't got so far to go, so telling them to go back does not exactly involve moral, or even political turpitude.

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Poor Mr. Chintamani could'nt even get into the garden party given by Raja Narendranath, although he was a guest in the house. So he had to hang about outside till the police had withdrawn. This sort of loitering comes very close to "molestation" under the Ordinance.

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It must have been a pathetic sight to see the distinguished Liberal leader peering through the railings at the assembled guests consuming the choice refreshments; at the same time glancing from time to time at the sergeants and waiting for an opportunity to slip through the gates unnoticed like Charlie Chaplin.

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"If we are going to be harassed like this," said Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliar, "we shant come here any more." If they had been anything but Liberals they would have had more dignity than to come there even to make this complaint. A true Liberal will sacrifice even his dignity for the country's cause.

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A new shell capable of perforating hard-faced armour of the best quality has just been invented. All the efforts of members of the Legislative Assembly to get through the hard-faced men on the Treasury Benches, however, have hitherto failed.

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On Friday, Mr. Haig who has returned from leave with his pachydermatous qualities greatly strengthened and recuperated resisted all attempts to pierce his armour. Bombarded with questions he placidly declined to be moved by the scandal of the way in which the classification system is applied in the case of political prisoners.

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He rejected the suggestion that women convicted in connection with the Civil Disobedience movement should all be put in A class, as that would be contrary to the principles which governed the classification of convicted prisoners. It sounds impressive but, perhaps, he doesn't know that in most of the provinces there are no principles governing the classification of convicted persons—if they are political prisoners.

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On Tuesday Sir George Rainy was heckled. On Friday Mr. Haig was bombarded. But like the Japanese offensive in China, we seem to get no "forrader" It's a pathetic spectacle these perspiring M.L.A.'s playing at Parliament.

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"Bombay Here"

—"Times of India" headline.

Well that's some relief anyway. A course of gubernatorial speeches had left us with the impression that Bombay was "Gumgaya"—leaving only Matunga to fill the picture!

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"What does the Free Press stand for?" is the question discussed at length in the columns of our hectic contemporary. "What it can get", perhaps.

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We beg pardon! The question is posed thus: "Where does the F. J. now stand?" Well that's easy to answer too. But the F. J. pours out its heart in four columns without arriving at a definite result.

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But it is made clear that the Journal, like Sir Samuel Hoare, stands for a double policy. We read:—

"In reference to the present conflict between the Government and the Congress, the 'Journal' is unreservedly for and on the side of the Congress, although, the actual degree of co-operation which the 'Journal' is able to extend to the Congress must be governed by considerations of due obedience to the law."

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You note the distinction. The Congress is for Disobedience the journal is for Due obedience. This is what is called being "unreservedly for and on the side of the Congress."

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In case you are not yet quite clear as to where the Journal stands or sits or squats or lies at full length—whichever it may be—we will present you with one more passage, which we hope will

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BON VOYAGE TO INDIAN CRICKET TEAM SAILING TO-DAY

Batting Their Strongest Point: Bowling, An Uncertain Quantity

(BY CRITERION).

The Indian Cricketers sail, on the "Strathnaver", to-day under the leadership of H. H. the Maharaja of Porbandar. This is the third time an Indian Cricket Team is touring England. The last such tour dates as far back as 1911 when H. H. the Maharaja of Patiala was at the helm. The following constitute the team:—

1. H. H. the Maharaja of Porbandar (Captain)
2. K. S. Ghanashyam Singh (Vice-captain)
3. Capt. C. K. Naidu
4. S. Syed Nazir Ali
5. H. Wazir Ali
6. Lt. J. G. Navle
7. B. E. Kapadia
8. J. Naomal
9. Mahomed Nisar
10. S. R. Godambe
11. Capt. Joginder Singh
12. Lal Singh
13. Gulam Mahomed
14. S. H. M. Colah
15. Amar Singh
16. P. C. Palia
17. N. D. Marshall
18. Jehangir Khan.

OBSTINATE POLICY.

Since the day that the team was announced the selectors have come in for a good deal of criticism. Now I will not go so far as to say that the team is the best that could have been got together, but it must be borne in mind that the selectors had a lot to contend with. There was, for instance, the obstinate policy of the Bombay Hindu Gymkhana. In this connection, I would like to know how the Hindu Gymkhana came to have the right to impose upon the conduct of its members. The Gymkhana has about 800 members on its roll out of which the cricket members, do not, probably number more than a hundred. And if, after all, they were as carried away by the love of their country as they would have us believe, how, in the name of everything that is sensible, could their go through their usual cricket and tennis fixtures? And yet had they closed the Gymkhana where could our stock, cotton, real estate and goodness knows what brokers have met after business to discuss resolutions about things that they know next to nothing of? One thing at least is true; Bombay has already lost much ground in sports and the centre of cricket has moved north.

SELECTION BOARD NOT FREE FROM BLAME.

All this, however, does not wholly exonerate the selectors from all blame. For why, pray sparing a third Maharaja on us when all cricketing India was heaving a sigh of relief at the inability of two of them to make the tour? —or is it the financial side of the tour that makes the Board of Control turn in its sleep? Is it also 'de rigeur'—my social education, you know, has been deplorably neglected—to have an A. D. C. of a Maharaja on the team? And whyever does he stick to it when the Maharaja has thought better of it..... But what matter, that the sporting populace does not enjoy its eight hours of the dreamless!

TEAM'S SUCCESS IN DOUBT.

Frankly, I am not at all enthusiastic about the team's success at all. And if they are going to have a wet summer—by which I mean the normal English summer—heaven help them! The north of England is wetter them the South and for this reason they are bound to fare worse against the Northern countries.

THE STRONGEST POINT.

The batting of the side will, no doubt, be its strongest point. Here, at least, we will not be seriously let down. We have got a capital first wicket man in Wazir Ali Colah is another batsman of whom I have great expectations. Here is a fine, natural cricketer with a splendid physique. I have always said that he has great cricket in him. He has so far failed me. Let us hope England brings the best out of him.

Naidu is, curiously enough, the man who gives me the greatest anxiety. He is never comfortable with slow bowling. And the slow bowlers in England—"Tich" Freeman, White, Root, Robins are quite a different proposition to those met with in the country. Lal Singh, Nazir Ali, Limbdi, Navle, Palia, Navmal and Nisar are all reliable batsmen but the story that almost every man in the team can bat is a great myth. Not to mention Porbundar, there are, at least five men in the team who will be of absolutely no use as far as batting is concerned.

GODAMBE TO BEAR BRUNT OF ATTACK

The bowling of the team is a doubtful quantity. Amarsingh is something of a "surprise packet". Gulam Mahomed will be useful on wet wickets and so will Palia. Jehangir Khan is another mystery. But it is Godambe who will be called upon to bear the brunt of the attack. He will be the hardest worked man in the team.

But it is not bowling or batting which gives me most concern. Fielding and captaincy are the two departments in which we are going to be hopelessly let down. Naidu is our only good slip and Colah the only safe outfield. Navmal of course, is another good man and will no doubt be managing team silence is the word.

cover point. For the rest of the

As for captaincy, can either Porbunder or Limdi be capable of the quickness of decision that—the changeable English conditions demand? Can either of them bring to bear upon their job the knowledge that only comes of a long experience in the finer class of the game? I think not.

It is evident that no good judge of the game is expecting big things from the Indian Cricketers. But if they do not get discouraged with their bad showing so much as to forget to learn from the men they will meet out there they will have done cricket in India a great good.

MESSAGE OF GOOD CHEER

Bombay Governor Wishes Success To Indian Cricket Team

The Governor of Bombay has sent the following message to His Highness the Maharaja of Porbandar, Captain of the Indian Cricket Team:—

"I feel I must take the opportunity of your passing through Bombay on your way to England to send you and your cricket team a message on behalf of myself and the Bombay Presidency wishing you good luck in your venture. Indian teams have visited England before, but I think you can fairly claim that this is the first occasion on which an attempt has been made to get together a team representative of all India.

"Your programme is an ambitious one, and I wish you the best of luck and success in your matches. What is, perhaps, even more important, however, I wish you a very pleasant time, and I trust that your visit overseas will result in the acquisition of experience which will be beneficial both to yourselves and to Indian Cricket on your return.

Bombay which claims to have played a leading part in the development of Indian Cricket and which has contributed its full quota of members to your team, will watch your progress with the keenest interest."

REPRESSIVE POLICY ON FRONTIER AND DESECRATION OF DELHI MOSQUE

Protest Meeting And Red Shirts Procession In Bombay

Indignant protests were raised against the desecration of the Kucha Raiman mosque in Delhi by the police and the repressive policy of the Government on the Frontier at a meeting of Bombay Muslims held on Friday night at the Dongri Maidan.

The meeting was called by the local Mejlis Ahrar in response to the appeal of the Jamiat-ul-Ulma Hind to observe Friday as the All-India Mosque Day. About 2000 Muslims attended the meeting and great enthusiasm prevailed throughout the proceedings, which were punctuated with loud cries of "Allaho Akbar" and "Inqilab Zindabad".

"RED SHIRTS" PROCESSION.

Prior to the meeting a procession headed by about 60 Red Shirt started from the Madanpura Mosque and reached the Dongri Maidan after parading through the Muslim Mohallas. The processionists carried Red banners and placards with them. Some of the placards bore the inscriptions "Down with Ordinances" "Long live Frontier Muslims", and "Ahrar Zindabad".

On their way the processionists were cheered by the Muslims who waited for their arrival at their respective Mohallas. Their number swelled as they passed through Muslim localities and by the time they reached the meeting place their number had reached a coulpe of thousands.

The proceeding commenced with recitations from the "Quran" and Maulvi Habeebul Haq was voted to the chair. The president recalled several instances from Islamic history to show the courage and bravery of the early followers of Islam and exhorted the audience to emulate their example.

PROTEST AGAINST DESECRATION.

Mr. Mohamed Yousuff proposed a resolution recording the indignant protest of Bombay Muslims against the conduct of police in desecrating the Kucha Raiman Mosque in Delhi.

The mover briefly narrated the incident and raised strong protest against the conduct of the police which he said could not be tolerated by Muslims. He complained that it had seriously hurt the susceptibilities of Muslims all over India and Muslim opinion would not be satisfied until the Government ordered an impartial inquiry into the matter and brought the culprits who perpetrated the act to book.

The resolution was duly seconded and declared unanimously carried amidst loud cries of "Allaho Akbar."

REPRESSION ON THE FRONTIER

The second resolution which was moved by Mr. Mohamed Ibrahim protested against the repression on the Frontier Province. It assured the Frontier Pathans that Muslims of Bombay were watching their sufferings with sympathy and interest. It further called upon the Government to withdraw the Ordinances and to concede the demands of the people.

The speaker said that the repressive policy of the Government on the Frontier had created a wave of indignation throughout the country and Muslims learnt the news from that province with grave concern. Their demand was that the Government should immediately withdraw the ordinances and adopt a conciliatory policy and to grant real reforms to the Frontier province.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Abdul Sattar Beg and unanimously carried. The meeting terminated with prayers for those killed on the Frontier and in Kashmir.

Expediting Reforms With Gandhi In Jail

(Continued from page 1.)

there was no justification for Government to spend unnecessarily on litigation to promote or maintain friendly relations with foreign rulers. Government's object was not so much friendly relations as the suppression of free expression of opinion.

Sir Abdur Rahim moved for the deletion of the word pointed out by Mr. Munshi in Clause two. Government accepted the deletion.

Mr. Yamin Khan next moved the addition of an explanation that for the operation of the bill Aden be excluded from India. The amendment was carried, as also another amendment omitting Clause Three in respect of trial courts.

The Foreign Secretary then moved an amendment which substituted words to which objection was taken and later on omitted by Sir Abdur Rahim's amendment. Mr. Munshi passed that those words should be retained in no part of the bill as it would cause serious prejudice to the accused.

The House then agreed to postpone further consideration till next day by which time there might be proper understanding as to the wording of the remaining clauses to be discussed.

SUGAR INDUSTRY PROTECTION BILL.

There was one hour still to 4 p.m. Sir George Rainy moved consideration of the Sugar Industry Protection Bill. He explained the salient features of the changes made by the Select Committee and pointed out that the industry would be protected till March 1946 and that till 1938 the basic duty of seven rupees four annas per cwt. would be maintained and thereafter there would be an enquiry not to decide whether there should be protection but to decide the rate at which the protective duty should be fixed.

"GUR" MERCHANTS' VIEWS

Mr. Sykes (European, Bombay) moved an amendment for the postponement of the Bill till September session in Simla. He explained how it was not possible for "gur" manufacturers in the short interval that the bill was referred to the select committee and the bill was considered by that Committee.

The clock struck four and the adjournment motion was taken up.—A.P.

AMENDMENT MOTION MOVED.

Mr. Harbans Singh Brar moved that the House do now adjourn to discuss the unsatisfactory reply of the Government that the Government would expedite reforms with Mahatma Gandhi in jail. The mover said that so long as repression continued, reforms would not be acceptable to the majority of Indians and even if put into force would never work.

He referred to Mr. Benthall's statement from which it appeared that there was serious conspiracy to put Mahatma Gandhi in jail and to thwart India from getting real responsibility.

CONSPIRACY IN ENGLAND.

Mr. B. Das said that when Mahatma Gandhi was arrested, the public suspected that there was some conspiracy behind it in England and India and Mr. Benthall's statement had proved it. The President asked the speaker not to refer to the circular but to confine himself to the narrow motion.

Mr. B. Das said that it was apparent that while Mahatma Gandhi was carrying on negotiations plans for his arrest and for fighting Congress were being laid deep. He would rather have Reforms postponed and let diehards have their full way.

He expressed indignation at Mr. Benthall's remarks about Mahatma Gandhi's constructive vacuity of mind when Mahatma Gandhi was so much respected by his countrymen as perfect and as a super-man. He said that without peace with Mahatma Gandhi no progress was possible.

FIRST OF APRIL AND MR MOORE

Mr. Arthur Moore commented on the fact that Government was to be censured for their earnestness in hastening reforms (Laughter). He could not help feeling that this debate on first April had something to do with that. (Renewed laughter).

NOT A CONGRESSMAN.

Mr. Seetharama Raju said that he never was a Congressman, nor did he entirely accept their programme, but still if there was to be a satisfactory solution acceptable to all, then that could be obtained only by the co-operation of all progressive parties in the country.

Haji Abdulla Haroon opposed the motion and said that any Government worth the name would have done the same in the face of ultimatum issued by Mahatma Gandhi soon after his return to India from the Round Table Conference.

GREAT MOGHUL AT WHITEHALL

Mr. Jadhav supporting the adjournment sympathised with Government members being mere puppets in the hands of the Great Moghul in Whitehall. Events of the past ten years had been undermining what little trust the people had in Government.—A. P.

CITY NOTES

STERLING-DOLLAR MOVEMENTS

RISE AND FALL IN GOLD VALUE OF THE POUND

BOMBAY, April 1.

The rupee is worth 12 as. 8.9 ps. gold or 14.24 pence to-day.

To Bombay in particular and the rest of India in general, the movements in the London-New York cross rate are of great interest. The purchase-value of the rupee depends on this rate and it determines how much our exported goods will bring us from countries outside the sterling group. It determines also the extent to which our products can be sold to these countries as, if we cannot sell, we cannot buy from others.

TWO SPECIAL ASPECTS.

Bombay is interested specially in two aspects. The first is the price of cotton. Apart from the technical position, the dominant factor, which is now more powerful, is the rupee equivalent of the New York price. And even when New York is unaltered, Bombay and Liverpool quotations change because the value of the pound has changed in the meantime. In the case of gold, the price per tola in Bombay depends upon the price in London and this in turn depends on the discount in sterling. Any appreciation in sterling immediately brings about a fall in our gold prices and makes export less attractive.

FUTURE TREND

One would give quite a lot to know which way the cross-rate would be moving and how far. But this is not known perhaps even in London and much less can one in India say it with any certainty. There are, however, some indications which may be noticed. To appreciate this point, one must study the subsidiary aspect of the dollar situation in London during the period of the fall of sterling and now during its rise. Between September and January there was a steady fall in the rate and since then there has been regular improvement with some setbacks.

DURING THE FALL

When sterling was going down, if one wanted dollars for sterling for later delivery, one found that the rate was worse than for ready delivery. This difference or discount on forward became wider as sterling rapidly depreciated and was as much as 2 per cent for three months. When conditions became quieter, sterling touched the level of 325, the discontent became narrower and while ready dollars could be bought at 235, forward dollars were available at 322 or 320.

CHANGE SETS IN

During the last few weeks, there has been a steady inflow of funds into London and the reverse situation is developing. When the rate touched 350, the ready and forward rates were almost the same and it was felt that the chances of an upward movement were as good or as bad as those of a downward movement. Since then, there have been two days when the rate boomed up several points and this has brought about a premium on forward dollars. It is slight but it indicates that the pressure on sterling is being relieved gradually.

INFLUX OF FOREIGN FUNDS

The foreign funds that thus come in are being bought up more and more by "special quarters" which means either the British Treasury or the Bank of England, and it seems that the Bank will have to depart from its ancient tradition in the matter of holding foreign balance. At the present rates, it has to buy foreign currency and inflate internally unless it is prepared to see sterling go up to 400 or even higher. Such holding of foreign currency has never been the policy of the Bank of England so far but this will become a necessity if the sterling rate is to be kept at a level, helpful to British trade and industry.

IMPERIAL SHARES DECLINE

After touching 1050, Imperial Bank Fully Paids have declined little by little along with the 3-1/2 per cent Paper. To-day's quotation of 987-1/2 shows a more uncomfortable feeling on the part of the investors than is warranted by the fall in securities.

SHIVRAJPUR SYNDICATE

Shivrajpur Syndicate having decided to conserve its ore reserves, the year was a record of keeping the pot boiling. The staff, it appears, was reduced to the minimum, just enough to prevent the plant from deteriorating and "when business look up" the concern might be one of the first to enjoy the benefits of it. In the meantime, a dividend is being paid from reserves, though there was a net loss for the period.

LATEST COTTON PRICES

(Cotton Information Bureau 21 Ismail Buildings, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.)

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET. MAY.

New York,	April. 1.
Previous closing rate	6.10
To-day's opening rate	6.15
Difference	+.05
To-day's closing rate	6.18
Difference	+.08

Broach expectation Rs. 189

LIVERPOOL COTTON MAY.

Liverpool,	April 1.
Previous closing rate	4.61
To-day's opening rate	4.47
Difference	—.14
To-day's closing rate	4.51
Difference	—.10

LONDON SILVER MARKET.

London,	April 1.
Silver ready	17 7/16
Lower	3/16
Silver forward	17 1/2
Lower	3/16

Market: India sold.

BOMBAY MARKET

Bombay,	April 1.
Silver Spot	54-4-0
Silver Chaitra	54-8-0
Gold Spot	23-12-0
Gold Chaitra	26-12-0

STERLING-DOLLAR CROSS RATES

Latest Quotations

(Special Service for "The Chronicle.")

T.T. ON LONDON.

New York,	April 1.
Previous closing	3.51 1/8
To-day's closing	3.78 1/2
Difference	—2 1/8

T.T. ON NEW YORK.

London,	April 1.
Previous closing	3.79
To-day's closing	3.80
Difference	+.01

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CLASSIFICATION OF PRISONERS

Mr. Haig Refuses To Intervene

NEW DELHI, April 1.

Mr. Haig, the new Home Member, and Mr. S. N. Roy, I.C.S., Joint Secretary to the Home Department, were sworn in in the Assembly to-day.

Answering Mr. Ranga Iyer regarding the classification as prisoners of ex-M.L.A.'s convicted in connection with the civil disobedience movement, Mr. Haig replied that there had been no correspondence on the general question between the Government of India and the local Government. The Government of India ascertained the facts in a particular case from one local Government. The classification of convicted persons depended partly on the nature of the offence and partly on the mode of living as determined by the social status, education and habit of living.

Generally the classification was the function of the courts subject to confirmation and review by the local Government concerned. Hence it would be inadvisable to issue a general instruction that they should be treated as "A" class prisoners. But he felt no doubt that the fact that a person had been a member of the Indian Legislature or a local Legislative Council was taken into consideration with other facts by the Courts and by the Local Governments. No instructions had been issued or were under contemplation to give "A" Class to women convicted in connection with the Civil Disobedience movement since that would be contrary to the principles which governed the classification of convicted persons.

Mr. Haig was bombarded with supplementary questions.

Mr. Ranga Iyer suggested separate classification as political prisoners.

Mr. Haig said that it was not possible to establish such a classification.

Mr. Ranga Iyer then suggested a committee to enquire into the disadvantages of mixing up all prisoners together.

The Home Member expressed his inability to accept to the request.

Mr. B. Das alluded to the case of Mr. Dwarka Prasad Misra, ex-M.L.A., who was given "B" Class.

Mr. Haig said that on this matter the Government of India had already had correspondence with the C.P. Government and there was no use pursuing the matter.

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AMERICAN COTTON MARKETS

Uncertainty About General Political Situation

WEAKNESS OF WALL-STREET

Taxation Programme Unsettled Confidence

Political news being unfavourable, cotton prices again declined on renewed selling. Wall-street market was weak on Taxation programme and the market shows lack of confidence.

ACREAGE REDUCTION.

"Daily News Record" estimates acreage reduction. Messrs. A. Norden & Co., is informed by a correspondent in New Orleans as under:—

I believe that with the present basis of value, six or seven cents per lb., ex-interior, there is every encouragement for the cotton farmer to put in all the cotton that he can handle, therefore all talk about decreased acreage doesn't mean very much.

GENERAL SENTIMENT.

There is no important change in the statistical situation. Trade reports are not encouraging but the present decline will have adverse effect on the acreage. Cotton is passing through spindles and when the crop—outlook becomes serious, there will be general wave of buying. In the meantime we expect irregular price movement.

BOMBAY, April 1.

On Thursday the New York cotton futures market was easier on decreased buying, influenced by weakness of the Wall street and unfavourable Liverpool cables. The market opened at about the highest level of the day with prices unchanged compared with previous close. There was no demand and gradual selling which was the principal feature of the day depressed prices. Heavy taxation proposals weakened stock market which ultimately influenced heavy selling in cotton. Prices declined 29 points from the opening level and during the last few minutes scattered shot covering caused a rally of about 9 points from the lowest level. The market closed at a net decline of 20 to 23 points with spot cotton prices 20 points down at 6.20 c.

The New Orleans Cotton futures market was weak and closed at a decline of 22 to 21 points. Spot cotton prices declined 22 points at 6.11 c.

The Liverpool Cotton futures market opened at a decline of one point but soon improved and a rise of two points was established. The market was fairly steady for the remainder of the morning. In the afternoon foreign selling eased off prices. Most of the loss was regained on steady New York advices and the market closed at a decline of 4 to 5 points. Middling American spot cotton prices improved one point at 4.95d.

East Indian Cotton futures registered a big drop of 13 to 27 points and Egyptian cotton prices declined 12 to 6 points.

The Alexandria Cotton futures was quiet but steady and closed unchanged to a rise of one point.

APPROXIMATE STRADDLE DIFFERENCES.

NEW YORK—LIVERPOOL
May 288, July 267, October 250.
LIVERPOOL—BOMBAY.
Liverpool May and Broach A/M. Rs. 6 1/2.

PROSPECTS OF ACREAGE

The following report issued by Messrs. A. Nordon & Co. dated New York March 3rd will be read with interest.

The fact that at this time last year inquiries among a few of our best posted friends in the South enabled us to give to the cotton trade remarkably accurate pointers to the acreage likely to be planted to cotton and to the amount of fertilizer which producers would use prompted us to make similar inquiries this year with the following results:

In the Atlantic States, with the exception of North Carlonia where the same area is expected to be planted as in 1931, the prospective reduction in acreage ranges from 6½ per cent in Georgia to 12½ per cent. in South Carolina.

In the Central Belt, acreage reduction areas range from 5 per cent. in Louisiana to 12½ per cent. in Mississippi, the average of our replies from Alabama and Tennessee indicating a decrease in each State of 10 per cent.

Replies from Oklahoma and Arkansas also indicate a reduction of 10 per cent. Texas seems likely to make the largest decrease, the average of the acreage estimates which we received from that State being 12.8 per cent. less than a year ago.

For the belt as a whole an acreage reduction of approximately 10½ per cent. is indicated.

According to our correspondents there will be a further substantial decrease in the amount of fertilizer used by cotton producers this year, ranging from 20 per cent. in Oklahoma to 75 per cent in Arkansas and averaging 37 per cent. for the entire belt.

New crop preparations have been rather generally delayed by the excessive rains which occurred during the first two months of the year; only in the Carolinas, Louisiana and extreme South and Northwest Texas are they reported as being normally advanced.

The amount of cotton held by producers is quite large except in the Plains of West Texas and in Oklahoma. This cotton is now being marketed in fair volume, and most of it is expected to be disposed of in the next two months to provide funds for new crop preparations. Several of our friends draw attention to the mildness of the Winter and to the consequent possibility of heavy weevil damage during the coming season.

A correspondent in New Orleans whose views are invariably sound writes:

"I believe that with the present basis of value, that is, around six to seven cents ex-interior, there is every encouragement for the cotton farmer to put in all the cotton that he can handle, therefore all the talk about decreased acreage doesn't mean very much."

In connection with the results of our inquiry, the Weekly Weather Report published yesterday is of interest. It read in part:

"During the past week (i. e. since our correspondents mailed us their replies) dry weather was especially favourable in the cotton belt where most of the Winter has been wet. The soil dried out rapidly and preparations for Spring planting advanced favourably except where it is still too wet from previous rains, especially in the Mississippi Valley and eastern portions of Texas and Oklahoma."

We do not ignore the ability which the market has recently shown to absorb all offerings but, taking into consideration the new crop outlook as depicted by our Southern friends and the continued failure of industrial and commercial activity to expand, we look for lower prices and favour sales.

PRIVATE CABLES

New York May Highest 6.32 Unchanged. Lowest 6.02—.30.
New York July Highest 6.49 (opening). Lowest 6.20 (2.47 p.m.)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

Liverpool.—America still nervous about Budget.

New York.—Very irregular during the day on account of uncertainty about general political news. Moderate business doing in futures. Declined during the afternoon on execution of stop orders. Cotton goods market business generally dull. Yarn market decreased demand.

New York.—Cotton depressed by action securities. Taxation programme unsettling confidence. Outlook against sustained advance.

Messrs. Patel Brothers have received the following cables from their Liverpool agents cabled on 31st March:—

"New York market declined at the close on local selling and on weak stocks.

'Daily News Record' estimate acreage reduction 7 per cent."

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Mar. 31.

May	6.10—.22
July	6.29—.20
October	6.50—.22
December	6.67—.22
January 1933	6.76—.21
Middling Spot	6.20—.20

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Mar. 31.

March	6.11—.22
May	6.29—.21
Middling Spot	6.11—.21

NEW YORK.

New York, Mar. 31.

New York. 10-55 a.m. (As known in Liverpool at closing time).

May	6.29
July	6.45
October	6.67

New York. Noon Call.

May	6.23
July	6.40
October	6.63

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.

New York, Mar. 31. Bales.

Day's Receipts at all U. S. Ports	33,000
Day's Exports to Great Britain	1000
Day's Exports to the Continent	20,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

	Liverpool, 10-10 a.m. Quotations	Mar. 31. To-day's Closing
April 1932		4.62—.05
May 1932	4.64	4.61—.04
June 1932		4.60—.04
July 1932	4.33	4.58—.05
August 1932		4.60—.05
September 1932		4.61—.05
October 1932	4.66	4.62—.05
November 1932		4.64—.05
December 1932		4.67—.05
January 1933	4.72	4.68—.05
February 1933		4.70—.05
March 1933		4.73—.04
April 1933		4.75—
Middling Spot		4.95+.01

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Liverpool, Mar. 31.

SAKELLARIDIS.

May	6.48—12
July	6.62—.12
October	6.81—.12
November	6.91—.11
December	6.97—.11
January 1933	7.02—.11
F.G.F. Spot	6.75—.05

INDIAN COTTON.

Broach Fully Good (Good Staple)	4.58
Broach Fine (Good Staple)	4.70
Broach Superfine (Good Staple)	4.82
Oomra Fine (No. 1 Staple)	5.15
Oomra Superfine (No. 1 Staple)	5.30
Oomra Choice (No. 1 Good Staple)	5.45
Bengal Good	3.86
Bengal Fully Good	3.96
Bengal Fine	4.06
Scinde Fully Good	3.96
Scinde Fine	4.06
Scinde Superfine	4.16

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, March 31.

Chartered Bank of I. A. and China £12.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Regd. £102.

P. and O. Banking Corporation £6.

Funding Loan 4 per cent. £96|3|8

Conversion Loan 3-1|2 per cent. £84-1|8.

Rupee Paper 3-1|2 per cent. £41-1|2.

Indian Stock 3 per cent. Sterling Loan £57-1|2.

Indian Stock 3-1|2 per cent. Sterling Loan £67.

Indian Stock 4-1|2 per cent. Sterling Loan £90-1|4.

Consols 2-1|2 per cent £60-5|8.

War Loan 5 per cent. £102-1|4.

Victory Bonds 4 per cent. £97-3|4

BOMBAY PRODUCE

NO DEMAND AND PRICES DOWN

Bombay, April 1.

It was generally expected that with opening business in groundnuts, the market will be better but prices ruled easy by about rupee one. Groundnuts April delivery are quoted at Rs. 43/8 while May is at a premium of one rupee at Rs. 44/8. Business in July-August delivery commenced to-day and it is quoted at Rs. 46/8.

Castorseed is dull with no demand. Ready is quoted at Rs. 33/2 and May delivery is Rs. 2/12. Bold type is quoted at Rs. 5-14

Jowari market is weak. Prices have declined from Rs. 3 to Rs. 2--10. There is no export demand.

Linseed May is quoted at Rs. 6-2. with scattered business. Wheat May is quoted at Rs. 4-4.

The tendency of the produce market is easier. There is little export demand and in view of slow but steady improvement in sterling, operators prefer short side.

MONEY MARKET

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

BOMBAY, April 1.

B. C. RATE:—
T. T. 1/6 1/32.
D. D. 1/6 1/16.

LONDON:—
Banks Selling T. T. 1/6 1/16 Ready.
Banks Sellig D. D. 1/6 3/32.
Banks Selling T. T. 1/8 1/32 15th April.
Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/8.
Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 5/32.
Banks Buying 3 Mos. 1/6 9/32 Mail.
Banks Buying 3 Mos. 1/6 1/4 15 Apl., 15 May.
Banks Buying 3 Mos. 1/6 7/32 16 May, 15 June.

NEW YORK:
B. C. Rate T. T. 353.
Banks Selling T. T. 352.
Banks Buying T .T. 344.

PARIS:—
Banks Selling D. D. 705.
Banks Buying D. D. 730.

AMSTERDAM:—
Banks Selling D. D. 70 1/4.

JAPAN:—
Banks Selling T. T. 120 nominal.
Banks Buying 60 Days 110.

HONGKONG:—
Banks Selling D. D. 87 5/8.

SHANGHAI:—
Banks Selling D. D. 115 3/4.

SINGAPORE:—
Banks Selling D. D. 154 1/8.

JAVA:—
Banks Selling D. D. 70 5/8.

CROSS RATE:—
New York-London 3.80 1/2 31st ulto.
Shanghai-London 1/8 11/16 1st inst.
Japan-London 1/9 1/2 31st ulto.
London-Paris 95.50 31st ulto.
London-Belgium 27.00 31st ulto.
London-Switzerland 19.50 31st ulto.
London-Italy 73.00 31st ulto.
London-Berlin 15.90 31st ulto.
London-Holland 9.40 31st ulto.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Weak.

Gold £5-10-5 30th ulto, £5-9-1 31st ulto.

Silver London Ready 17 7/8 30th ulto, 17 5/8 31st ulto.

Silver London Forward 17 15/16 30th ulto, 17 11/16 31st ulto.

Silver New York Ready 30 30th ulto., 30 31st ulto.

London Discounts 3 Mos. 2 3/16 per cent. 30th ulto., 2 3/32 per cent. 31st ulto.

London Discounts 6 Mos. 2 3/8 per cent. 30th ulto., 2 3/8 per cent. 31st ulto.

Imperial Bank Rate 6 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 3 1/2 per cent.

MONEY:—
Call 4 1/2 per cent.
3 Mos. 4 per cent.
6 Mos. 4 per cent.

Tone:—Steady.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

SCATTERED BUSINESS

Bombay, April 1.

The Gilt Edged market opened quiet but improved slightly on scattered buying. 3½ per cent. paper opened at Rs. 60/14 and advanced to Rs. 61/1. Other scrips were quiet but steady without any important business. Later on in the absence of buying 3½ per cent paper declined to Rs. 60/15. The market closed at 3 p.m. as under:—

3 1|2 per cent. Rupee Paper Rs. 61-1

4 per cent. 1931-38 Conversion Loan Rs. 91/12

4 per cent 1934/37 Loan Rs 90-12

4 per cent. 1960/70 Loan Rs. 68/10

4 1|2 per cent. 1934 Bonds Rs. 96/12

4 1/2 per cent. 1955-60 Loan Rs. 78/8

5 per cent. 1923-47 War Loan Rs. 89/4

5 per cent 1935 Loan Rs. 97/3

5 per cent. 1939-43 Loan Rs. 90-8

6 per cent. 1933-36 Bonds Rs. Rs. 100/2

5 per cent. 1933 Loan (Tax Free) 100/2

5 per cent. 1945-55 Loan (Tax Free) Rs. 98/10

6 per cent. 1932 bonds (Tax Free) Rs. 100/9.

6 1|2 per cent. 1933 Bombay Development Loan (Tax Free) Rs. 103/3

6 1/2 per cent. 1935 Treasury Bonds Rs. 102

4 per cent. 1974 Bombay Port Trust Rs. 65/8

4 per cent. 1974 Bombay Municipal Rs. 64/8

4 per cent. 1974 Bombay Improvement Trust Rs. 63/8

5 per cent. 1959 Bombay Municipal Rs. 78

6 per cent. 1954 Bombay Municipal Rs. 96

6 per cent. 1950-60 Bombay Municipal Rs. 90

Tone of Market:—Steady.

Tone of London Silver:—Quiet. Speculators sold.—China bought and sold.

BOMBAY COTTON

NEW LOW LEVEL REACHED ON LIQUIDATION

Bombay, April 1.

In response to easier advices from American Cotton Exchanges, the local market opened at Rs. 188/ for Broach A/M. delivery and declined to Rs. 186/8 a new low level. Several nervous longs liquidated but soon as the selling orders were executed the market showed better tone. It was anticipated that to-day being the first tender day of issuing delivery orders against Broach A/M. delivery, there will be fairly large tenders, but no tender was issued. This news imparted better feeling and those shorts who looked for decline found their hopes unrealised. Some of them came in to cover and prices quickly improved to Rs. 188/8. This improvement induced further liquidation and prices again relapsed to Rs. 187/4.

The market was rather steady at this level, but a prominent operator who was believed to be long of 15,000 Bales, sold out and prices collapsed to Rs. 184/4, yet another low level. Shorts were attracted to cover and their operations again rallied prices to Rs. 185/4.

Later on the market remained steady with scattered short covering, awaiting Liverpool opening which is expected to be 12 points lower.

Liverpool opened quiet at a decline of 14 points and later on a further decline of 2 points was reported. The market ruled quiet and closed at 5-30 p.m. with Broach A/M. Rs. 185/8.

NO COTTON TENDERS.

Bombay, April 1.

To-day no tenders were issued against Broach A./M. Rates at 5 p.m. were Rs. 185 for Broach A.-M.

SAMPIN QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, April 1.

April	133.80
July	137.90
October	139.90

OFFICIAL COTTON ROOM RATES.

Bombay, Apr. 1.

	Sup.	Fine.	F.G.	Good.
M. G. Bengal U. P.	170	166	162	158
M. G. Rajputana	170	166	162	158
M. G. Panjab	168	164	160	156
M. G. Oomra No. 3	186	182	178	
M. G. Oomra No. 1	198	194	190	
M. G. Oomra No. 2	191	187	183	
M. G. Broach No. 2	209	206	202	198

READY COTTON SALES.

Bombay, Apr. 1.

97 Carrimbhai Bagalkot 208 1/2.
63 Colaba Land Vadhwan 198.
80 Motiram Vaghji Botad 192 1/2
50 Jamnadas Narshi Lakhtar 199 1/2.
100 Gorakhram Sadhuram Aligarh 160
50 Oshman Suleman Champaner inferior 168 1/2
101 Phoenix Mill Broach 201.
55 Khatau Mill Veraval 170.
63 Motiram Vaghji Limbdi 177 1/4
79 Gokaldas Dossa Champaner 170.
40 Motiram Vaghji Bhayavadar 190 1/2.
114 Motiram Vaghji Parbhani 160.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, April 1.

Bengal Superfine	170 .....
Bengal Fine	165 .....
Bengal F.G.	160 .....
Sindh-Punjab Fine	165 .....
Sindh-Punjab F.G.	160 .....
Wardha-Hingt Fine	190 .....
Nagpur Savner Fine	190 .....
Yeotmal Fine	185 .....
Arvi Fine	185 .....
Ellichpur Fine	185 .....
Amraoti Fine	182 .....
Khamgaon-Akola Fine	183 .....
Mulkapur Fine	179 .....
Khandesh Fine	179 .....
Muthia F.G.	172 .....
Jalna/Sailu F.G.	180 .....
Burwah Sanavad F.G.	185 .....
Ujjain/Shujaulpur F.G.	190 .....
Broach F.C.	197/202 .....
Punjab/American	210 .....
Punjab/American mix	182/90 .....
Cambodia	 250
Miraj/Sangli	 210
Compta Good	 220

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, Apr. 1.

F. P. Bales	1931-32	1930-31
Receipts to date 31-3-32	9033000	8351000
Receipts Yesterday 31-3-32	33000	15000
Exports to date 31-3-32	6793000	5663000
Stock at Ports 28-3-32	4427000	3798000
Stock Interior Towns 28-3-32	1872000	1349000
Stock Liverpool 24-3-32	3630000	1153000
Visible Supply 28-3-32	9013000	7489000
Quantity in Sight 28-3-32	11425000	12997000
Quantity out of Sight 28-3-32	9618000	7701000

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

DULL WITH LITTLE BUSINESS

Rather Quiet Tone

Bombay, April 1.

The market opened rather quiet on reports of extra stamp duty on Transfer Forms. But later on these reports were found baseless. To-day being the last day for closing open business, the Brokers were busy doing budli business. There was very little fresh business of any interests. However, some enquiry was seen for Kohinoor Mill shares and Tata Iron Ordinary shares which ruled somewhat better compared with other speculative counters. Later on the market showed steady tone and prices fluctuated within a narrow range.

At the opening Bombay Dyeing shares were quoted at Rs. 666/4 which improved to Rs. 672/8. Fazal after opening at Rs. 300 declined Rs. 2/8 but recovered the loss in the later trading. Century Mill shares were steady at Rs. 200 while Pearls after opening at Rs. 168-12 advanced to Rs. 171-4. Nagpurs were quiet at Rs. 262/8 but Kohinoor shares after opening at Rs. 118/12 rose to Rs. 125. Bombay Burma shares opened at Rs. 316/4 and improved two points. Indian Cements hardened to Rs. 185/10 after opening at Rs. 183/12. Tata Steel Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 21/4 but advanced to Rs. 22/4 on improved buying. Andhra shares opened at Rs. 805 but eased off to Rs. 798/12 on scattered selling. Tata Power shares were barely steady at Rs. 450. Later on the session was uninteresting and scattered selling depressed Kohinoor shares to Rs. 120. The market closed quiet at 3 p.m. as under:

BOMBAY. Friday.

MILLS.

100	Ahm. Advance	287/8
50	Apollo	2-4-0
10	Bom. Cotton P.	2-8
500	Bom. Cotton	58/12
250	Bombay Dyeing	669-6
250	Bradbury P.	127-8
250	Bradbury	135
100	Century	203-2
100	Central India	262-8
100	Central India P.	435-0
100	Colaba	72-8
100	Coorla	115
100	Crescent	51-14
250	Currim	30
250	Da..id	60
250	Dawn	500
200	Ed. Sassoon	25
1	E. D. Sasseon D.	0-7-0
100	Elphinstone P	20/12
100	Elphinstone	5-0-0
250	Fazulbhoy	297-8
100	Finlay	85-0
1000	Framji Petit	150
100	Gokak	138-12
1000	Hindustan	1350-0
100	Indore Malwa	333-12
250	Jamshed	-4
50	Kastoorchand	7-12
100	Khatau	88
100	Kohinoor	123-12
250	Laxmi	915
100	Madhowji	10
250	Madras United	200
1000	Maneckji Petit	700
100	Meyer Sassoon	15
1000	Morarji	420
50	Mysore	102-3
200	New Great P.	110
200	New Great	127-8
100	New City	63-12
250	Pabani	93-12
250	Pearl	170-10
100	Phoenix	276-4
10	Premier	1|4
100	Shapurji	5
1000	Sholapur	1570
250	Simplex	18-12
100	Swan	30
100	Swadeshi	197-8
25	Tata P.	15
25	Tata	16
500	Vishnu P.	565
500	Vishnu	1430
1000	Western	722-8

BANKS.

101-50	Baroda	62
50/25	Central	15-0
£10/5	Eastern	56
500	Imperial	93713
500-125	Imperial Contr.	239-6
100-50	India	86-0
5	Union	3-3-0

CEMENT.

10	Bundi	14-8
70	Gwalior	54-0
250	Indian	182-8
100	Katni 1st P.	102
100	Katni 2nd P.	106-8
40	Katni Def.	605-0
100	Katni	148-2
10	Punjab P.	8-12
10	Punjab	7-14
100	Shahabad	200

INSURANCE.

10	Jupiter P.	7-3
15	Jupiter	7-6
15	New India	17-0
200	Oriental	1600
10	Vulcan	5

ELECTRIC.

100	Ahmedabad	105
1000	Andhra Valley P.	930
1000	Andhra Val.	797-8
50	Bom. Tram P.	34-4
50	Bom. Tram	109-8
100	Tata Hydro P.	101-4
100	Tata Hydro	178-7
1000	Tata Power P.	1087-5
1000	Tata Power	448-15

RAILWAYS.

10	Bundi	14-8
100	Amritsar Patti	65
100	Central Province	69-4
100	Dho. Barramati	74-8
100	Guzrat	46
100	Mandra Bhon.	52-8
500	Tapti Valley	600-10

MINING.

10	Central India	0-8-0
10	Shivrajpur	13
150	Tata Steel P.	113-2
100	Tata Steel 2 P.	43-4
30	Tata Steel D.	280-0
75	Tata Steel	21-8

MISCELLANEOUS.

100	Alcock	11-4
250	Bom. Steam B.	190
150	Bom. Steam	190
50	Bom. Telephone	51
8s.	Briti. B. Petrol	2-14
125	Bom. Burma Old	317-8
50	Bom. Burma New	115
100	Ind. Bleaching	136-4
15	Scindia	7-12

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LONDON DISCOUNT RATES.

Bank Bills 3 months 2-35|64 per cent.
Bank Bills 6 months 2-11|16 per cent.
Fine Trade Bills 3 months 3-3|4

LONDON METALS

London, March 31.

Copper Braziers £44-1|2.
Yellow Metal £27-3|4.
Spelter hard Indian Brands £11.
Corrugated sheets 24 Gauge £3.
Tin English Ingot £116-1|2.
Fine Trade Bills 6 months 4-1|4 per cent.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, March 31.

T.T. London on Berlin 15.92
T.T. London on Amsterdam 9.58
T.T. London on Brussels 27.12.
T.T. London on Madrid 50.31.
T.T. London on Milan 73.25.
T.T. London on Berne 19.57.
T.T. London on Paris 96.43.
T.T. London on Prague 128.00.
T.T. London on New York Closing Rate 3.79-3|4.

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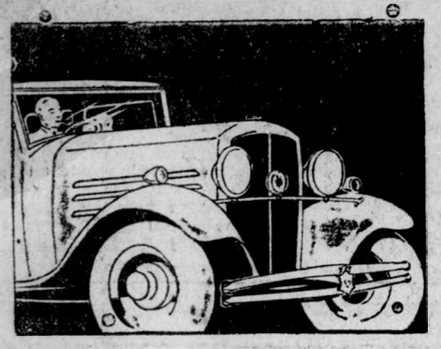

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MEDICAL INSTRUCTION ABROAD

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(BY "MEDICUS.")

Just one day before it ceased publication an article under the above caption, by Dr. D. L. Patel, appeared in the "Indian Daily Mail." May I be permitted to reply to that article in the "Chronicle" in view of the importance of the Medical question just at the present moment? If Dr. Patel was less sweeping in his general assertions, his article might have been more convincing as he said a good deal of truth regarding the standard of medical education in England and the exaggerated ideas the public in India have on English medical qualifications.

BRITISH MEDICAL STANDARDS.

Dr. Patel is, of course, quite right when he says that the standard of medical education in England is lower than on the Continent or in America. Dr. Flexner in his recent book "Medical Education" and the editor of the "Lancer," in a supplement of that journal on the question, bear this out. The reason of this inferiority, despite the superior airs adopted by the General Medical Council, is due to the peculiar methods of examinations in England, a method which encourages cramming in its worst form.

While on the Continent students are encouraged to make themselves familiar with practical work and researches, in England they make much of theoretical knowledge with the result that examinations become an obsession to the unfortunate students many of whom often break down during or after the ordeal. Unfortunately, the Indian medical faculties imitate the English method. This method gives an idea that medical examinations are far stiffer in England than on the Continent or America which in a certain sense is true enough, though experience proves that the English doctors are seldom better qualified than doctors qualified elsewhere.

In England the curricula are overburdened and examinations in such subjects as Anatomy and Physiology are ridiculously tedious. Experienced professors like Sir Farquhart Buzzard, Sir William Osler, Sir Thomas Horder, and some others, have often criticised and pleaded for reform.

TOO MUCH THEORY.

One often feels that in trying to be very thorough and up-to-date the English often lose their sense of proportion. The case for the coveted diploma of F. R. C. S. England is a good example of this. The examinations for this higher diploma in surgery is justly considered to be very stiff. The primary examination is mostly of a theoretical nature and consists of Embryology, Anatomy and Physiology.

It is agreed on all hands that the examination in Embryology and Physiology need not be so searching and obstruse and the time wasted in these subjects would be better utilized in practical work which is very defective for this examination. One can understand a surgeon being required to know his anatomy well, but the minute details of Embryology and Physiology are seldom helpful in his practical work.

Students, as Dr. Patel says, are not required to perform surgical operations before being qualified, as F. R. C. S. though they are already qualified to practice surgery! The result is that many become F. R. C. S. but have no natural gift as sugeons and they never become surgeons at all. On the Continent the most eminent surgeons never passed any special examinations such as those for the F. R. C. S., England. They become surgeons by sheer practice and experience.

EXCLUSIVE UNIVERSITIES.

Dr. Patel is right about the absurd exclusiveness of certain Universities in England. The London University is notorious for this and many mistake this for its great superiority. As a matter of fact, money is at the bottom of this ridiculous exclusiveness. Few will believe that a graduate in medicine of the University of Edinburgh or Dublin, or Cambridge is not good enough to take a London degree and that he must begin over again. Yet such is the case there, though its teachings and standard are in no way superior to these other Universities perhaps less if anything.

THE LURE OF TITLES.

As England has made snobbery a fine art, they have created caste distinctions in the medical professions there. There are different grades of medical practitioners in the country, M.D.'s, M.B.'s Fellows, Members, and Licentiates. They have also instituted special examinations and diplomas in different subjects such as Midwifery, Radiology, Health, Tropical Diseases, Ophthalmology, etc. All this brings grist to the British mills.

As the English are fond of displaying academical titles after their names a man who has taken some of these qualifications appears terribly important in the eyes of the public. Very often this alone assures his success in his career. While a training in England is certainly useful in many ways, the Indian public exaggerate the importance of the same and imagine that all who return to India with English qualifications are far above the others.

ANTI-INDIA PROPAGANDA IN EUROPE

How An Indian Publicist Traduces His Own Country

(By "MONTAGEUR")

To one accustomed to handle foreign Press clippings on the eternal subject of India and her affairs the sense of the curious, the fantastic and the grotesque is soon worn out and although the psychological interest in the creations, at once so gross and so obvious, of the newspaper imagination, is sustained throughout, one's attitude towards it becomes more or less akin to that of the professional grave-digger not without the additional consciousness of enjoying the fun of digging his own grave.

UNFOREIGN FOREIGNER.

But the writing of Mr. Shrikrishna 'alias' 'Ayi' Tendulkar of the "Berliner Tageblatt" is always out of the ordinary production of the foreign journalist who has at least the usual excuse of boiling his pot and 'doing India' as best the poor fellow could. The foreigner even with a name and local habitation or its substitute under the conditions of his life is enveloped in the anonymity and our all-too-human (Nietzschean phrase!) sympathy for his invulnerable foreignness. But not so our Herr journalist who would moreover, appear not to be in need of the usual impressario as he talks as much about his own personality as about the last year's events in India in his latest article, "Farewell to India". Imagine then, dear reader, this son of India leaning against the deck of the Italian boat "Genova" bidding us farewell as the shores of our city retreat further and merge in the mists. The reverie has a sentimental tang about it. He dreams and the shadows move of the people he met last year,

wavering figures, strange and compelling, old faces and young, many of them enthusiastic, though behind their enthusiasm profound despair often lurked.

PROPHET'S APOLOGIA.

Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha struggle, he murmurs,

caught the imagination of Europe and provided the most brilliant propaganda for Gandhi, assuring him of sympathy throughout the world,

yet,

Gandhi's personality and his influence on the masses were no mystery to me (he explains). I found nothing exotic in the flowing robes, brown melancholy faces and long thin hands of the Indians because I myself am an Indian with a beautiful, brown skin and a flat, wide nose ('pardons', but here I protest!) and my eyes view this strange world with the deep sorrow typical of India.

Here one feels, is speaking the prophet who is rather self-conscious f being honoured out of his own country:—

My sole desire was to portray India as I saw it, to relate the impressions that the country made on me after I had spent eight years developing myself in another country and receiving its influences. My despatches to the "Berliner Tageblatt" made many enemies for me in my Indian circles. My reports did not please Gandhi's followers nor did they find favourable echoes among the extreme Nationalists. I was often accused of having invidious motives, while those of my critics who were personal friends of mine held my newspaper responsible for my political attitude. As a matter of fact the editorial staff of this important journal had to overcome a good many prejudices before it could allow an Indian to write about India, but after it had made this brave decision I was given every assurance that I could write as I pleased without any kind of influence. I alone am therefore entirely responsible for everything that I have written and I would not alter a single line of it or strike out a single word.

THE SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY.

Which brave confession ought to be duly encored in the name of the British Empire. Herr journalist is of course too modest to tell us how all those whom he so innocently antagonised happened to learn German overnight to be able to read his

epoch-making despatches to the Berlin newspaper; nor, for that matter, does he refer to the two hours' interview he had had with Lord Irwin, his aeroplane joy-rides over the Frontier and the hospitality of the Mysore Durbar.

However to business, as Herr Journalist is speaking:

I do not sympathise with modern India. I found there nothing that could make a powerful impression on me, nothing that could capture my enthusiasm or give me any hope and, God knows, I wanted to hope and to be enthusiastic.

And here I shall pause for breath and borrow a clean handkerchief to wipe the sentimental tear that trickles down my cheek. You, dear and gentle reader, are, I venture to presume, equally overcome with the same emotion. The inevitable cord of our heart is touched, the phrase creates the effect of a cross between a pseudo-Pierre Loti and a pseudo-Aldous Huxley.....

WORLD JEWISH OLYMPIAD

To the Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—Reuter's cablegram in this morning's issue of the "Bombay Chronicle" of a world Jewish Olympiad that is being held in the garden city of Tel Aviv, Palestine —the 100 per cent. Jewish city built in its entirety by Jewish initiative, money and enterprise from a stretch of sandy beach to a smiling city with up-to-date walks and modern buildings—should be hailed by the nations of the world as a very healthy sign of the times. The Olympiad is evidently representative of the different Jewish communities of the world as we are informed that over 300 competitors including many well-known athletes and ten Jewish champions coming from all parts of the world will participate in the different events.

The Hebrew University situated in Jerusalem built solely by Jewish resources has now started granting degrees to those students who graduated from the University. Among the many subjects taught, the subject of "the best means to propagate peace in this troubled world" is included in the curriculum—a teaching which is the very essence of Judaism. After several years of its existence the value of the University is being felt more and more.

The Jew has always realized the full value of the dictum 'mens sana in corpore sano.' In recent years, under modern conditions, with a comparatively better feeling of tolerance in the air in certain quarters, we find the Jew holding an important position in the field of sport. Athletic achievement consists mainly in regular training utilising natural ability and given the opportunity the Jew has every chance of success. There have been many first class *jumpers, sprinters and boxers* among the Jews.

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Yours, etc.,

DAVID I. SARGON.

March 30.

JAPANESE LOAN FOR MANCHURIA

CHANGCHUN (By Mail).—Manchurian finances having been completely disorganized since early last October, the new Government of Manchowkuo decided to-day to approach Japan for a loan of $7,500,000, in view of the impossibility of obtaining sufficient funds from ordinary sources to provide for its necessities. There must be a considerable outlay for strong forces and military for frontier forces as a safeguard against present disturbed conditions.

The peril in which the new Republic was inaugurated was illustrated to-day when General Honjo, Japanese Manchurian Commander n Chief, who attended yesterday's nduction of Henry Pu-yi as President, was returning to Mukden in a special train, which was attacked by 300 bandits. The outlaws were put to rout by a detachment of Japanese troops who quickly came to the rescue.

The Administration of the new State announced its formation today, with Chang Ching-hui as President of the Privy Council; Chang Hsiao-hsu as Premier; Hsieh Kai-chek as Foreign Minister and Hai Chia as Finance Minister. President Yu-yi is to have supreme power, assisted by the Privy Council, and he will control the Legislative Council, the State Council, the Control Council and the Supreme Court. There are also Ministries of Interior, War, Industry, Communications and Justice.

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A universe containing millions of worlds, some of them dead and others inhabited by beings as far superior to mankind as men are to single cells, is visioned by Dr. William D. MacMillan, professor of Mathematical Astronomy, in a new theory of cosmogony announced by him at the University of Chicago.

In an interview he expresses the scepticism of many American astronomers toward the "explosion" theory advanced two years ago by the Cambridge astronomers, Eddington and Jeans, who hold that the universe is gradually wearing down to become an inert mass, formless and lifeless.

In contrast to this concept, Dr. MacMillan pictures a universe, infinite in time and space and pervaded by a fine structure of unknown composition, which diffuses energy amidst all forms of matter.

He conceives that beyond the lately discovered super-galaxies of stars are endless successions of other stellar systems, and that within the electron are endless successions of other systems, the complexities of which may never be known.

LIGHT BEAM.

"Here is a galaxy of stars magnified through the sixty-inch telescope at Yerkes Observatory," he said. "The bigger dots are the stars and the specks shooting from them are the spiral nebulae of those stars. It is on these specks that a higher form of life than ours, conceivably, may exist."

The astronomer explained how his colleagues at Yerkes Observatory had calculated the distance from the earth to these galaxies, some of which are 150,000,000 light years away. They drew from one of the stars, he said, a beam of light which passed through the telescopic lens into a spectroscope, where its component colours are broken up as a prism breaks up a sunbeam into a miniature rainbow.

On the blackboard he drew with coloured chalk a spectrum and through the multicoloured band a series of perpendicular lines representing the frequency of the light ray from the star.

"DOPPLER EFFECT" POSES PROBLEM.

Stating that this was where the "Doppler effect" came to bear, he explained it as follows:

"Suppose you're on a train. The train is approaching a crossing where a signal bell is emitting sound waves. As you draw closer to the bell, the sound waves strike the ear with a frequency which increases in direct proportion to the speed of your approach, thus raising the pitch of the bell. This pitch reaches its greatest height as the train comes to the crossing, and sinks down again as you roll away.

"It's the same as a boat on the waves. The swifter the boat moves, the more waves it strikes."

Transferring the phenomenon from the terms of sound into terms of colour, the same principle holds for light waves, he added, waves of high frequency tending to approach the blue end of the spectrum and those of low frequency the red end.

GALAXIES SPEEDING.

Applying this principle to the light from the outer galaxies, Slipher at the observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz., discovered several years ago that the frequency waves shifted toward the red end of the spectrum, thus indicating that the galaxies were moving away from us.

Carrying this experiment further Hubble and Humason of Mount Wilson Observatory announced that the great island universes, the galaxies, were moving away at a speed directly proportional to their distance from the earth; that is, the further distant they were the faster they were moving. This intrigued all astronomers, for an explanation of it might provide a key to the structure of the universe.

Eddington and Jeans, Dr. MacMillan said, advancing an explanation, reasoned that, since all the galaxies were moving away, the universe was expanding and that since the speed of some of the galaxies was as high as 12,500 miles a second, the expansion was the effect of an explosion.

A billion and a half years ago, they said, there must have been a titanic blast at the core of the universe and the fragments sent out with the greatest velocity continued at that speed, while those ejected at slower rates continued their comparatively sluggish journey through the void.

Reversing the explosive process postulated by Jeans, Dr. MacMillan found that the Jeans hypothesis would make our particular galaxy the ultimate and original centre of things. And drawing a line from these outer flying universes, he was able to compute the probable time of the explosion as aout 1,500,000,000 years ago.

Such a picture, he contended, was hardly plausible. For one thing, there were rocks on this earth, a veritable infant among the planets, which were held by geologists to be at least 300,000,000 years older than the supposed cataclysm.

Then Dr. MacMillan set out to find another explanation for the phenomenon discovered by Slipher, the shift of star light toward the red end of the spectrum.

He went back to his theory of the "leakage" of light, first advanced fifteen years ago. He had based this theory on the quantum concept, in which light is regarded, not as a series of impalpable waves, striking the eye as radio waves strike the antenna of a receiving set, but rather as a stream of particles or photons, comparable with a charge of pellets from a shotgun or a flock of birds in flight.

"LIGHT LEAKAGE".

In this way Dr. MacMillan was able to propose that the light or energy streaming hither from the stars met an obstacle en route in the form of the "fine structure of space," and hence reached the earth in less potent form. Presupposing a vacuum instead of the "fine structure," he argued that the star light would reach here in undiminished strength, making the heavens glow as brightly at night as in daytime.

"It occurred to me, therefore, that the shift in the light rays was not due to the Doppler effect at all," Dr. MacMillan said. "On the other hand, it seem plausible that the shift might be due to leakage or evaporation, in its hundred million years of passage from the galaxy to the earth. If this were the case, the leakage would naturally be greater at great distances—and the outer galaxies are not necessarily moving at all."

EVERLASTING UNIVERSE.

"One thinks of a universe composed, in its simplest form, of energy and matter, a universe not created out of nothing, but existing always," Dr. MacMillan continued.

"In this universe, through the fine structure of space, energy may ebb and flow, breaking down one body, building up another. But the supply of energy forever remains the same.

"Out in the heavens, perhaps, are civilizations as far above us as we are above the single cell, since they are so much older than ours. If this is true, it is true not only now. It has always been true.

"Magnificent forms of life have grown up over magnificent stretches of time, only to perish in some cataclysm. Magnificent forms of life will always grow up, if this theory be true, that the universe is continually being renewed at some unknown subelectronic level."

VALENTINO ASSETS

Claims May Exceed Valu Of Estate

Assets of the estate of Rudolph Valentino, screen actor, will total about Dol. 130,000, it was disclosed in court at Los Angeles but claims mortgages and other encumbrances may absorb it.

A petition for partial distribution of the estate assets, filed by Alberto Guglielmi, a brother and Maria Guglielmi Streda, a sister was heard by Judge Albert L. Stephens.

The assets consisted of Dol. 25,000 cash, real estate valued at Dol. 90,000, personal property worth Dol. 11,000 and a 43 per cent. interest in two motion pictures which returned a revenue of Dol. 3,399 in 1931.

Claims against the estate included mortgages totalling Dollars 11,500, an attorney's fee of Dollars 12,000, a claim by the Government for income-tax of Dol. 108,000 and miscellaneous fees which may total Dol. 8,000. Attorneys said the Government's claim probably would be reduced to about Dol. 32,000.

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Mr. Kanu Desai, the famous Ahmedabad artist has contributed five arresting sketches, three of which have been printed in two colours. There are, in addition 25 more illustrations, all printed on superior paper, depicting the scenes during Mahatmaji's tour as well as his reception on his return to the Motherland, and giving intimate glimpses of the life of India's spokesman. The book is beautifully got up and the price is Re. 1/- and Re. 1/8 per copy, for paper bound and cloth bound editions respectively.

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AXE IN MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Scale Of Salaries To Be Brought Down

CORPORATION TO FOLLOW GOVERNMENT'S EXAMPLE

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Establishments Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation have submitted a report regarding the question of revision of the grades of pay of clerical and other appointments in the municipal service.

In a letter on the subject the Commissioner pointed out to the Sub-Committee that in view of the urgent need of reducing establishment costs Government had decided to reduce the scales of pay of future recruits to Government ministerial posts in Bombay City and observed that as the reasons which had necessitated the revision of scales of pay in Government service were equally applicable in the case of the municipality, there was equal justification for reducing the scales of pay in municipal service. He therefore proposed that a scale of Rs. 50-2/8-90-efficiency bar-5-140 should be fixed for new entrants in the clerical grade of the municipality and the starting pay for honours and pass graduates should be fixed at Rs. 75 and Rs. 65 respectively.

He further proposed that pending submission of proposals for the permanent revision of the scales pay of posts corresponding to posts in the subordinate and provincial services of Government, the new appointments to those posts should be treated as provisional and their pay should be reduced by 12½ per cent. of the present scales.

The sub-committee have already submitted their recommendations with regard to the proposals for the revision of the scale of pay of junior clerks to the Standing Committee to the effect that a scale of Rs. 55-4-115-5-140 should be fixed for new entrants in the clerical grade and that the starting pay for honours and pass Graduates should be fixed at Rs. 75 and Rs. 65 respectively as proposed by the Commissioner.

SUBORDINATE SERVICES.

With regard to appointments in the subordinate and provincial services of Government, other than those of clerks, the Commissioner has pointed out in his letter that no revised grades had so far been sanctioned but pending such revision Government have decided that all appointments of new entrants to Government service made after August 4 should be provisional, that is officiating only; and that a reduction of two annas in the rupee should be made in the existing sanctioned scales for all provincial and subordinate services in their application to new entrants.

As regards the scales of pay of corresponding employees in municipal service, the Commissioner states that before putting up proposals for the permanent revision of the scales of pay it would be desirable to await the results of the revision which Government propose to make in regard to their own servants. In the meantime, in order to reduce the cost of new appointments to the grades in question the Commissioner proposes that conditions similar to those imposed by Government should be observed, that is that the appointments should be provisional and their pay should be reduced by 12½ per cent. of the present scales and requests the sanction of the Standing Committee and the Corporation to these proposals.

OFFICIALS' PROTEST.

In connection with this question a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Municipal Officials' Association forwarding among others copy of a resolution passed by the Association at their annual general meeting protesting against the 12½ per cent. cut proposed by the Commissioner in the scales of pay of the aforesaid subordinate service was referred to the Sub-Committee.

The sub-committee have considered the Commissioner's proposals as well as the Municipal Officials' Association's letter with regard thereto in consultation with the Commissioner and are of opinion that instead of resorting to the temporary measures suggested by the Commissioner for effecting economy in the establishment charges it would be desirable to revise the grades in question suitably as early as possible. They however understand that the Commissioner proposes to submit shortly definite proposals for the revision of grades of pay of the municipal services corresponding to the subordinate and provincial services of Government and that as the proposed 12½ per cent. cut would operate in the case of a few appointments only until proposals for the permanent revision are submitted it would not be a hardship to many.

The sub-committee therefore recommend that the Commissioner's proposals be sanctioned subject to the further sanction of the Corporation in cases of appointments the total emoluments of which exceed Rs. 200 per month and that the Commissioner be requested to submit at an early date definite proposals for the revision of the scales of pay of all these appointments.

With regard to the resolution forwarded by the Municipal Officials' Association protesting against the 12½ per cent. cut proposed by the Commissioner, the sub-committee beg to recommend that the resolution be recorded.

The report is signed by Messrs. P. J. Marzban (Chairman), Md. Ismail Curtay, A. P. Sabavala, S. P. Mehta, V. D. Govindji and V. N. Chandavarkar.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH SONAPUR?

Among the more important resolutions to be placed before the meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation to be held to-day, are the following:—

Dr. A. G. Viegas:—That the Corporation are of opinion that loud speakers should be installed in the Corporation Hall for use at Corporation meetings and the Commissioner be requested to submit the necessary proposals in the matter.

CHANGES IN THE ACT.

Mr. Meyer Nissim:—That the Municipal Secretary be authorized to address Government periodically requesting them to expedite legislation for amendment of the Municipal Act in respect of proposals submitted to them by the Corporation three months after the submission of such proposals if Government have not undertaken legislation nor communicated a reply to the Corporation during that period.

Mr. Kanji Dwarkadas:—That the attention of the Commissioner be drawn to the very unsatisfactory condition of the Hindu burning grounds at Queen's Road and Walkeshwar, specially the latter, causing serious inconvenience, discomfort and annoyance to the mourners, and he be requested to submit at an early date a full report regarding the state of affairs at these burning grounds, and his suggestions as to how to ameliorate the condition and make the administration of the Sonapur more efficient.

Mr. Kanji Dwarkadas:—That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to request the Police Commissioner to provide cross lines on some of the principal and busy roads of Bombay, with a view to facilitating the crossing of roads by pedestrians, and to avoid street accidents.

BROKEN BENCHES.

Dr. A. G. Viegas:—That the attention of the Commissioner be drawn to the broken condition of several benches on the Chowpatty Sea Face (Khote Footpath) and that he be requested to have them repaired early and also to replace the missing benches.

Mr. Destmahomed G. Khairaz:—That the Corporation are strongly of opinion that it is highly improper for a Councillor to submit offers or to negotiate with the municipal executive on behalf of any contractor or tenderer contracting or tendering for the sale or purchase of goods from the Municipality.

Dr. A. G. Viegas:—That a committee (to be named at the meeting) be appointed to report as to the desirability of permanently closing the children's ward at the King Edward Memorial Hospital and transferring the patients therein to the Bai Jerbai Wadia Children's Hospital.

ILL-TREATMENT OF WOMEN

Benares Policemen Suspended

PROSECUTION LAUNCHED

BENARES, March 31.

Mr. L. Owen, District Magistrate, Benares, issued the following communique to-day:—

The Magisterial inquiry into the allegations made against certain police constables of Dasaswamedh Thana shows that a prima facie case has been made out against one head constable and four constables. The Superintendent of Police has suspended these men against whom warrants under Section 323 read with Section 509 I. P. C. have been issued. The case will be heard in the District Magistrate's Court at an early date and any persons wishing to give evidence for the prosecution are requested to communicate with the Government Pleader."

The allegations of ill-treatment in Dasaswamedh Thana referred to were made by a dozen Congress women volunteers.—A. P.

SATYAGRAHI LEADERS

Spirited Away

(From A Correspondent.)

BHAVNAGAR, Mar. 30.

Two prominent Satyagrahi leaders, were spirited away, yesterday in the night by the Bhavnagar State police. They were given a strict notice to vacate the state limits before 7 p.m. on 28th instant. And their refusal to obey the order resulted in another notice of the same sort.

Heedless of the notices, the leaders declared their intention of delivering a lecture in the Gandhi Chowk. A meeting was held at the arranged place.

Rumours are afloat that the Satyagrahis are taken to Rajkot Sadar.

Three other Satyagrahis commenced picketing the shops from yesterday morning.

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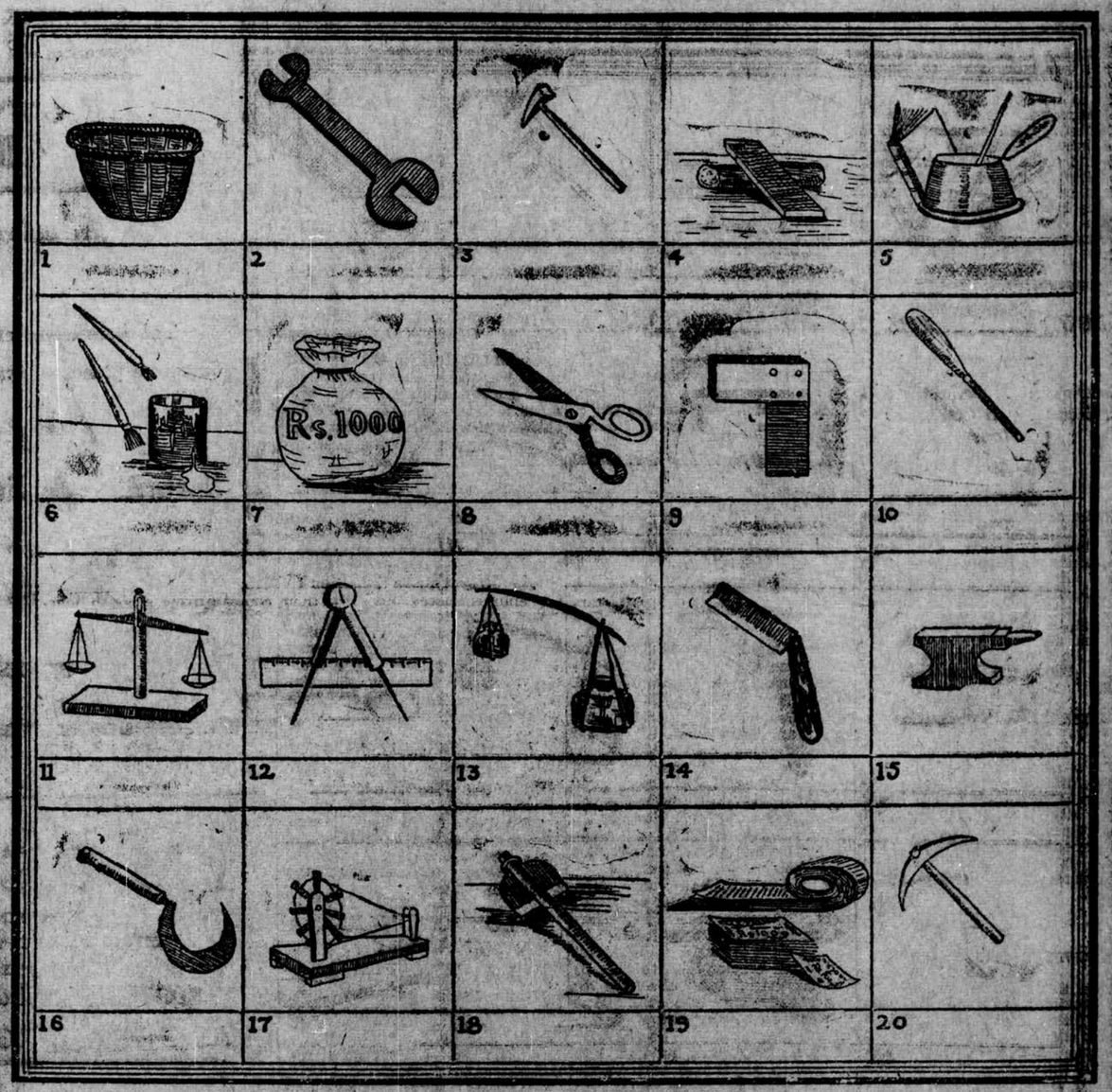

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2. Each picture represents one of the twenty words given in the clues. What you have to do is to select the correct word for each picture and write it in clearly in the space provided.

3. Only the words in the clues must be used.

4. After you have filled in the words, fill in the Entry Coupon and submit the same, together with your solution and an ENTRANCE FEE OF EIGHT ANNAS IN ONE ANNA STAMPS, to:—

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6. Alterations, corrections or mutilations of entries will disqualify the entrants submitting such.

7. No correspondence will be entered into and all competitors enter this competition on the distinct understanding that the Competition Manager's decision is final legal and binding in all matters pertaining to this Competition.

8. All entries must be received not later than the last post 2nd APRIL 1932.

9. In case of ties the Competition Manager reserves the right to divide the prizes at his discretion, and his decision will be final.

10. Any number of entries may be submitted by each competitor provided a separate Coupon, Solution and Entrance Fee is enclosed for each entry.

11. No competitor can win more than one prize.

12. No responsibility is accepted for non-receipt of entries.

13. This is a joint competition appearing simultaneously in the "Bombay Chronicle", "The Bombay Samachar"

ELEPHANTS AND RHINOCEUS

Protection In Bengal

CALCUTTA, March 31.

Discussion of budget grants concluded to-day in the Bengal Council. The time limit having been reached, guillotine was applied and the House in quick succession voted entire grants of Rs. 22,80,000 for agriculture, Rs. 10,56,000 for industries, Rs. 20,000 for miscellaneous departments, Rs. 75,16,000 for civil works, Rs. 1,30,000 for famine relief, Rs. 52,08,000 for superannuation allowances and pensions, Rs. 20,09,000 for stationary and printing, Rs. 11,27,000 for miscellaneous, Rs. 6,16,000 for expenditure in England and Rs. 10,35,000 for loans and advances.

The House then took up the consideration of Government Bills and passed the Bengal Mahomedan Marriages and Divorces Amendment Bill and the Bengal Primary Education Amendment Bill at the instance of Hon. K. Nazimuddin. The object of the latter is to make primary education for girls not below six or more than ten compulsory within municipal areas.

Hon. Sir A. K. Ghuznavi introduced two bills, one to amend Elephants Preservation Act of 1879 in its application to Bengal validating the existing practice for proclaiming wild elephants which had become dangerous to human life and property. This was passed. The House adjourned during discussion of his second Bill, namely, the Bengal Rhinoceros Preservation Bill providing adequate protection for wild rhinoceros.—A.P.

FOUR LIVE BOMBS

Howrah Resident's Discovery In Outhouse Floor

CALCUTTA, March 31.

While ramming his outhouse floor which was being repaired Shaikhnabi of Tekia Para, Howrah, found four balls wrapped in jute fibre. Getting suspicious, he informed the police who took charge of the balls which are believed to be live bombs in aluminium shells complete with fuses. No arrests have yet been made. Police are investigating.—A. P.

SEIZURE OF TYPES AND CHASES.

ALLAHABAD, Mar. 31.

The Allahabad Police made important seizure to-day in a house in the city comprising quantity of Hindi types and chases. No one was present in the house at the time. It is believed that the types were used to print Congress leaflets.

CYCLOSTYLE PRESS SEIZED.

SURAT, Mar. 31.

Police this evening raided the house belonging to a Jain in Badekhan Chakla and apprehended 3 persons engaged in printing on a cyclostyle machine Satyagraha Patrikas which, it is believed, were intended to be distributed at the Commissioner's Darbar to be held on Saturday at the Collector's bungalow. The police arrested all the three men and seized the machine as well as about 1000 printed copies and a large bundle of papers.—A. P.

ZHOB RAIDERS LEAVE THE AGENCY

NEW DELHI, March 31.

A communique state:—Reports have now been received regarding the incident in the Zhob Agency in which a Zhob militia post was attacked by a raiding gang. These reports indicate that the affair was of no great importance, the raiding gang being composed merely of bad characters, who were in bad terms with the agency authorities owing to another raid carried out by them in 1931. The gang have left the agency after suffering several casualties and the situation may now be regarded as normal.—A. P.

ASSEMBLY CUTS

NEW DELHI, March 31.

A Gazette Extraordinary publishes the following resolution of the Finance Department:—

The reduction made by the Legislative Assembly in the demands presented to them consisted of two token cuts of Rs. 100 each in the demand No. 28 Executive Council. These have been accepted so far as the demands are concerned. They do not, however, affect the figures in these statements which are in thousands of rupees.—A. P.

New Play On Bombay Stage By Young Playwright

A scene from the Marathi drama "Bap" (Father), which is being staged by Nutan Bharat Mitra Samaj in New Elphinstone Theatre. The play is written by a young author Mr. Pansare.

SAMARTHA NATAK MANDALI

This Company which opened its Bombay season some time back at Parel have now shifted to the Elphinstone Theatre, Grant Road.

It is staging to-day a historical play "Agryahoon Sutaka." The author, Mr. Aundhker, is seen on the stage in the role of Omkar. Date plays the role of Aurangzeb.

To-morrow the company presents a light comedy "Khadashtaka" in which Messrs. Date and Vaishampayana keep the audience rollicking with laughter.

DOUBLE ATTRACTION AT THE WELLINGTON

Two Fox Pictures: "Hush Money" And "Goldie"

Two highly entertaining Fox Movietone pictures combine to offer a double treat at the Wellington Talkies, Dhobi Talao, this week. Joan Bennett, Hardie Albright and Owen Moore make up a splendid cast in "Hush Money," a very intriguing drama showing how a woman's happiness is threatened by her past, marred by the indiscretions of her earlier youth. It reveals how a group of well-dressed, smart and clever men devote their talents to fleecing wealthy visitors in New York City. Owen Moore is the chief racketeer, debonair, suave, seemingly cultured, and thus it is easy for him to induce Joan Bennett, a beautiful girl down on her luck, to accept his patronage. Later, she finds to her dismay, his true calling, but she can do nothing except be one of the gang and pose as the wife of Moore who uses her as a bait to become acquainted with well-to-do people whom he wants to make his victims. By a mischance, the gang is rounded up and sent to serve various terms in jail. Released from prison Joan determines to go straight and falls in love with Hardie Albright, a fine young man of high character. They are married and she becomes the mother of a boy, but the spectre of the past is brought back to her by Moore, her former associate, who attempts to blackmail her. But a friendly detective straightens out her problem, though at a terrific cost to her as the story reveals. Joan does fine work in her new role and reveals a new side of her versatility as an emotional actress. "Goldie," the other Fox Talkie at the Wellington, has in its cast the charming actress Jean Harlow, who starred in "Hell's Angels" recently shown in Bombay. Co-featured with her are Spencer Tracy and Warren Hymer, both known for their comic talents. Tracy and Hymer are two sailor friends, bent on getting the most kicks out of life. Intermingled with their constant bickering, the two pals play at love in every important seaport of the globe until they land at Calais. There they meet Jean Harlow, vivid platinum blonde beauty with a street carnival. They don't have to play at love with her; love happens to be her game at which she matches wits with them until both cry "quits."

BHAKTA-PRAHLAD

At The Krishna Cinema

Krishnatone's picture "Bhakta-Prahlad" featuring Hydersha, Miss Nilam and Kumar Mukund is shown at the Krishna Cinema.

SAROJ'S "GULBAKAVALLI"

At The Globe Talkies

Saroj Movietone's revised and re-edited production "Gulbakavali" is to be seen from to-day at the Globe Talkies. The leading parts are taken by Miss Zebunissa, Miss Naju Begum, Ashrafkhan and Prabhashanker.

"GOD OF WAR"

At The West End

"The God of War" or "Ranna-Devata," with Mr. Inamdar and Miss Madhuri is to be released from to-day (Saturday) at the West End Cinema.

LONDON SHARE MARKET

Bombay, March 30.

Messrs. Lewis and Jones, Bombay, have received the following quotations by cable from their London Agents:—

Names.	Latest prices.
Millars Timber & Trading Co., Ltd., Ord.	£0 2 6
London Tin Corporation, Ltd., Ord.	0 9 6
Turner & Newall	1 7 9
Associated Electric Industries	1 2 0
Attock Oil	0 12 6
Associated Portland Cement	1 6 3
Underground Electric Railways	0 19 0
Electric Supply Corporation	2 6 0
Guest, Keen & Nettlefold Ld., Crd.	0 13 6
Beira Railways	0 5 0
County of London Elec. Supply Ord.	2 5 0
Marconi International Marine	1 9 4½
Calendar's Cable and Constn. Co.	2 17 6
General Elec. Crd.	2 0 9
London & Thames Haven Oil Wharves	3 11 10½
L. & N. E. Ry. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	21 0 0
International Rys. of C. America	$5.25
Malayalam Plantations	0 6 6
British Burma Petroleum	0 3 6
Soudan Plantations	1 5 7½
British S. Africa (Chartered)	0 17 6
Pahang Consolidated Ord.	0 4 4½
Wm. Cory & Son	2 16 3

Market affected by position in New York.

Stock of Rubber in U. K. 125236 tons.

Decrease on week 700 tons.

Lady Sykes attended the Annual General Meeting of the Infant Welfare Society on Thursday.

The Governor of Bombay accompanied by Lady Sykes presided at the Annual Meeting of the Children's Aid Society on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Robinson dined at Government House Bombay on Thursday.

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GLOBE TALK

SANDHURST ROAD

Railway Workers Asked To Join Union

(From A Correspondent.)

DHOND, Thursday.

Under the auspices of the G.I.P. Railway Workers' Union a mass meeting of the G.I.P. Railway workers was held on the 30th instant at Dhond. Nana Saheb Harsiker presided. Mr. Shanker Ganesh Akalkotker, a local worker spoke at length on the necessity of strengthening the Union and requested the workers to join the union in large numbers.

Mr. Z. R. Chowdhery, who had come here for organisational purposes, explained in detail the meaning and implications of the terms and conditions of the recognition of the Union and said that it was now up to every Railway worker to take the full advantage of it by becoming a member of the Union.

He said that the All-India Railwaymen's Federation had asked all the affiliated Railway Unions to prepare for a general strike, and for the achievement of the above demands and the G.I.P. Railway Workers' Union had decided to proceed with the ballot immediately. He, therefore, appealed to every worker, who had not joined the Union so far, to do so, without any further delay and contribute his full quota in the struggle.

OFFICE SH

The office of the porarily removed to Wadgaonker Chawl and arrangement has be made to assist the illiterate sta by writing their individual appli cations and giving them prope and sound advice in their day to day work.

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SUB-INSPECTOR'S APPEAL FAILS

Sequel To Tortured Man's Suicide

BOMBAY, Friday.

For torturing suspected persons leading to the suicide of one of them, a police sub-inspector and a constable were convicted and sentenced by the Sessions Judge of Bijapur. This sentence was confirmed by the Bombay High Court in appeal by the accused

The accused persons are Sanjiv Ratnappa Ronath, Police Sub-Inspector and Mahomed Hajratshah, a constable.

They were both charged with causing hurt with a view to extorting a confussion and with wrongful confinement.

The Sub-Inspector was further charged with fabricating false entries in the police diary, such as would be favourable to his position.

The first accused (the Sub-Inspector) was sentenced to one year and Rs. 100 fine for first charge, six months and Rs. 50 fine for second charge and six months and Rs. 100 fine for third charge, sentences to run consecutively. The Constable was sentenced to one year and Rs. 50 fine in the aggregate.

VILLAGE THEFT.

One June 11, a theft took place in the village called Kolhar. In this connection, seven persons were arrested and produced before the first accused. All these persons who belonged to a criminal tribe called "Katbris" were taken from place to place with a view to discovery of the stolen property and were severely beaten and were kept in custody for several days. On June 30 one of the arrested men managed to escape and fled to the Nizam's territory. The same day the arrested persons were again beaten, and one of them was taken to the village of Janapur, presumably because he promised to find out the stolen property. No property, however, was found, and the man, after having been confined in a temple for two days, managed to get a razor with which he committed suicide. This incident scared the Inspector (first accused), who immediately released all the persons.

TELEGRAM.

The matter, however, did not rest there. One of the released men, with the assistance of some educated persons, sent a telegram to the police superintendent, the inspector general of police and the District Magistrate, complaining about the first accused's conduct. During the investigations, it was found that one of the persons arrested had received forty injuries.

It was also found that the first accused had fabricated certain entries in his diary so as to make it appear that he had not kept those persons in custody.

DIARY ENTRIES.

In appeal, Mr. Justice Baker and Mr. Justice Broomfield upheld the conviction and sentence of both the accused on the two charges.

With regard to the third charge against first accused (fabricating false evidence), their Lordships held that although there might have been evidence to that effect, Section 465 under which he was charged did not apply, as that Section required evidence of loss having been caused, which evidence was absent in this case.

The accused's sentence of six months and Rs. 100 fine on this charge was, therefore, quashed but his other two sentences aggregating to one year and a half and Rs. 150 fine were confirmed.

The constable's sentence was also confirmed.

"THEFT" OF CYCLES

BOMBAY, Friday.

Chapria Ramjiwan was arrested yesterday by the police in connection with the theft of cycles from the Wellington Cycle Company which was reported in the evening Edition of the "Chronicle" yesterday.

He was placed to-day before Mr. D. Khandalawalla, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, and remanded to police custody till the 12.

ENRAGED HAWKER

Three Months For Use Of Violence

BOMBAY, Friday.

"As I was fined Rs. 3 for hawking which is a very heavy fine for a hawker like me, who possesses goods only of the value of Rs. 2, I felt enraged and in the excitement of the moment I threw a stone at the Bench."

In these words Ram Bharose Sumer admitted his guilt, when he was charged this morning before Mr. I.N. Mehta, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court, under Section 353, I.P.C. for using criminal force against a public servant in the discharge of his duty.

The accused was arrested yesterday when he threw a big stone at Mr. H.W. Bryant, honorary magistrate, after he was convicted.

WOMAN WHO WAS STRUCK.

One of the witnesses in the case was Tehmina Kekhasru, a Parsi woman, who was struck with the stone thrown by the accused and was injured.

Mr. Bryant also gave evidence.

He stated that he did not see the man throwing the stone as he was busy writing, but he felt something passing him and hitting the wall behind his seat.

The accused pleaded guilty. The Magistrate convicted the accused and sentenced him to 3 months' rigorous imprisonment.

ARREST AT A BANK

Ex-Employee In Trouble

BOMBAY, Friday.

Iswardas Ramdas, who was arrested at the National Bank of India, was directed by Mr. D. N. D. Khandalawalla, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, Bombay, to be remanded to police custody.

The police, in applying for a remand of the accused, stated that Jaigopal Sohanlal, proprietor of a firm known as "Durgadas Diwan Chimanlal," came to know that a cheque for Rs. 7,000 and a hundi for Rs. 4,000 had been sent to him from up-country and as he did not receive them on March 31, he suspected that the accused, who was in his service some months ago, must have got them and must be attempting to cash them. He went to the bank yesterday and handed over the accused to the police, when it was found that his suspicion had come true.

CONGRESS WORKER CHARGED

For Hoisting Flag On Thana Municipality

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Apr. 1.

A prominent Congress worker of Thana, who was arrested yesterday evening for hoisting a national flag on the building of the Thana Municipality, was placed to-day before Mr. Bhatt, Hujur Deputy Collector, Thana, who adjourned the case to Monday for further hearing.

A Congressman of Vile Parle, who was arrested at Belapur in the Thana District for defying the police order asking him not to leave the Municipal limits of Vile Parle, was convicted by Mr. Bakhtyar, Assistant Collector, Thana, and sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment.

S. I. A. SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE:—A Social Service League has been organised by the South Indian Association, Bombay. In case of distress, casualty, accidents, or wherever free services of volunteers are required, the community may apply to the following persons for help:—

(1) Rao Saheb K. Ramaswamiah, P. W. D., Bombay (Commissioner), Matunga (G. I. P.); (2) Mr. S. H. Haran, 9, B. I. T. Three Rooms, King's Circle, Matunga (Captain); (3) Mr. N. Krishna Iyer, Motee Bldg., Matunga, (Vice-Captain), Mahim (B. B. & C. I.); (4) Mr. N. S. Ramakrishnan, 22 Anant Bldg., Naickwadi, Mahim (Captain); (5) G. Sivaramakrishnan, 11, Abdul Sattar Bldg., Mahim, (Vice-Captain).

HAVOC OF TAX ON ELECTRICITY

Will Reduce Consumption Says P. Thakurdas

INTERPELLATIONS AT B. E. S. T. MEETING

The twelfth ordinary general meeting of the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Co., Ltd. was held on Friday evening, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas presiding. The report of the directors and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931, stated:—

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

The total revenue for the year 1931 from all sources amounted to Rs. 1,74,22,577|9|3; the total expenditure amounted to Rs. 98,43,205|9|8 The net receipts from the year's working aggregated Rs. 75,79,371-15|7.

Deduct:—Interest for the year on 7 per cent. Debenture Debt Rs. 7,00,000; leaving a balance of Rs. 68,79,371|15|7.

From this balance the following further items of expenditure have to be deducted before arriving at the net profit available for distribution:—

PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION.

General Account Rs. 19,10,443; Special Account Rs. 2,44,242. Total Rs. 21,54,685.

Provision for Reserve against fluctuations in value of Assets Rs. 75,000; Provision for Writing off Rights and Concessions Rs. 40,710.

After making these deductions aggregating Rs. 22,70,395, there remains an available balance of profit of Rs. 46,08,976|15|7, to which has to be added the amount brought forward from 1930 account Rs. 2,85,401|9|0, making a balance of profit available for distribution of Rs. 48,94,378|8|7.

The Directors recommend that this sum be appropriated as follows:—

To Dividend for the year on 7 per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares Rs. 6,30,000. To payment of Dividend* for the year on the Ordinary Shares at 14 per cent. Rs. 37,80,000. To Bonus to the Company's Officers and Employees Rs. 2,15,000. To be carried forward to next year's Account Rs. 2,69,378-8|7. Total Rs. 48,94,378|8|7.

HAVOC OF ELECTRICITY TAX.

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the report, bitterly complained of the increased taxation which absorbed a large portion of the Company's income. Referring to this item he said:

The heaviest of the shadows is the constant increasing burden of taxation, for which we receive no compensating service. Moreover, the Bombay Government has selected electricity consumed by lights and fans for a special tax of half an anna a unit, which is we believe, without parallel in progressive States. The incidence of that tax has yet to be determined; one result we must be prepared to face, and it is that the greater portion, if not the whole, of this tax will be reflected in reduced consumption. The havoc of the tax goes much deeper than that; it cuts right across the programme of development which we had mapped out. We have given a great deal of time to the study of our tariffs, with a view to passing on to the consumers the benefit of increased consumption. We have been advised by the English and American experts who studied the question in Bombay that our standard tariffs are fair and should be maintained; but that we should move in the direction of a two-part tariff which would give consumers the advantage of a lower rate for additional units consumed.

"SIR STANLEY REED, AN ASSET"

The report was adopted and the retiring directors were re-elected. One of the Shareholders enquired as to how long the Board of Directors proposed engaging Sir Stanley Reed as their Financial Advisor, and how many months in a year he worked? The Chairman in reply regretted that the question of Sir Stanley Reed was raised, as the company owed its present position to the untiring efforts and the interests of Sir Stanley Reed. Sir Stanley, he said, was an asset of the company and the directors were very much thankful to him for his guidance and advice which he (Chairman) hoped Sir Stanley Reed would continue for many years to come. It was at the request of the late Sir Sassoon J. David that Sir Stanley had accepted the post and the Board of Directors were very glad for the choice made by Sir Sassoon David in the interest of the Company. The Chairman hoped that in future, while speaking of Sir Stanley, the shareholders would speak with better appreciation of his services.

BOMBAY ART SOCIETY

No-Affliation With India Society

The Hon. Secretary of the Bombay Art Society writes:—

"The annual general meeting of the Bombay Art Society took place on Wednesday last when the office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected. In the course of his address to the members the President, Mr. Wiles, said:—

"I have noticed among recent criticisms of the activities of the Society, a reference to the 'affiliation' of the Society with the India Society of London. As I think the criticism is based on a misunderstanding I will repeat to you exactly what are our relations with the India Society. We have entered into a friendly arrangement." That a member of the Bombay Art Society visiting London will, for a period of six months, be invited as a visitor to functions of the India Society without payment of the annual subscription and that we in Bombay will give similar facilities to any visitor from the India Society; to exchange information about our respective activities.

MUTUAL BENEFIT.

"You will see that there is not any 'affiliation' in the common use of that expression and that the Pombay Society has not in any way surrendered its independence. The friendly intercourse, that we have attempted to encourage, can surely only be for our mutual benefit. I have thought it advisable to lay some stress on this, because there is a feeling, I find, among some artists in Bombay that the India Society is unfriendly to Bombay aspirations. I believe this to be another mis-apprehension, based on the fact that the India Society contains among its members and its Committee one or two critics, who have publicly proclaimed their disbelief in the methods of the Bombay School of Art. They have been as publicly answered by the stalwart champions of the Bombay School. But the point I wish to make is that we have no justification for assuming that we have no justification for the views of the Society are the views of these members; and I have had the assurance of the President of the Society that the assumption is incorrect. I will not say any more now, for I intend to bring to the notice of the Society during my absence on leave, the feeling that exists, and I hope it may be possible for them to do something to dissipate it.

Mr. J. A. Lalkaka said that the feeling referred to by the President that the opponents of Bombay carried too much weight in the counsels of the India Society undoubtedly did exist, and quoted the opinion of Sir John Marshall one of the Vice-Presidents of the India Society. He was glad that the President intended to take the matter up with the Society."

CRERAR GOES HOME

BOMBAY, Friday.

Sir Ernest Jackson, ex-Governor of Bengal, Sir James Crerar, ex-Home Member of the Government of India and Mr. G. Wiles, Finance Secretary to the Government of Bombay will sail for England by the s.s. "Strathnaver" to-morrow (Saturday).

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SERIOUS RIOT IN DOCK LAND

(Continued from page 1.)

the taxi stand near Prince's Docks was badly belaboured by the Pathan "blacklegs" and is lying in the hospital. It is reported that the motor driver of Ardeshir Bomanji Cursetji stevedore, who was injured in the fight died when he was removed to the hospital. Two more Pathans are in a serious condition. A police sepoy is also reported to have been severely beaten.

NO DISARMAMENT OF PATHANS.

After the street fight, a large number of police appeared on the scene and stationed themselves at all the junctions of the roads. They would not allow the workers to collect, even though the "blacklegs" were still passing inside the docks. The well-known leader of the Pathans was also seen on the spot.

The excitement of the workers is still running high. Three weeks of struggle have not brought them any concession from the stevedores besides, their solidarity and united front is being broken by the determined effort of the stevedores and the Pathan leaders. The Pathan "blacklegs" are loitering about the streets round the Union Office armed with lathis, and this is infuriating the strikers still more. The police are making no effort either to disarm the Pathans or to prevent them from attacking the strikers.

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

Bans Carrying Of Sticks In Dock Area

The Commissioner of Police has issued the following notice prohibiting the carrying of lathis and sticks in Dock area:—

Whereas I, Sir Patrick Kelly, Commissioner of Police, Bombay, consider it necessary for the preservation of the public peace and public safety to exercise the powers conferred on me under Clauses (a) and (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 23 of the Bombay City Police Act, IV of 1902 in the manner and for the time and in the places hereinafter described;

Now therefore I hereby prohibit under Section 23(2) (a) and (b) of the Bombay City Police Act IV of 1902 any person not being a person in the service or employment of the Crown from carrying Swords, Spears, Knives, Bludgeons, Guns, Lathis, Sticks or other offensive weapons or from carrying collecting preparing stones or other missiles or instruments or means of casting or impelling missiles within the limits of the Bombay Docks or within the limits of the "B" Division of the City Police for a period of one month from the date of this order.

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Property of Messrs. Scales and Adam, Ltd. On view. Auctioneers, MISTRY & CO.

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129, Meadows St., Fort, BOMBAY.

SALE OF IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY at Waroda, Bandra, (next to Dr. P. A. Dais' property) by order of the Court Receiver, Bombay, as Receiver in Suit No. 423 of 1931 Archibald Dawson v. Maria D'Souza and others and with the consent of the plaintiff and the defendants in the said suit and pursuant to the directions contained in the consent Judge's Order, made therein on 13th November, 1931, sale on the premises of the property on Sunday, the 3rd April, 1932, at 4-30 p.m.:—

All that piece of Gavthan land situate at Waroda, Bandra admeasuring about 524 square yds. together with all the buildings thereon, bearing City Survey No. 86 and Bandra Municipal No. 64, Ward Waroda.

Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from Messrs. Perdira Amin and Fazulbhoy, 101, Bholanade Road, Attorney for the Court Receiver, or from the undersigned.

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BONA-FIDE SALE

Messrs. BENNETT will (TO-MORROW) the 3rd instant at A.M. (S. T.) sell by Auction at No. 7, Peddar near Charmichael Road, household furniture such a table, chairs, sideboard, waggon, drawing room Singer Sewing Machine ting tables, show-cases, al iron bedsteads, dressing ch drawers, dressing tables, t hatstands, meat-safe, c glass, crockery and plate etc.

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Insult To Chintamani & Co

PUNJAB CHIEF SECRETARY APOLOGISES FOR POLICE CONDUCT

DEPARTMENTAL ACTION AGAINST OFFICERS

Lothian Assures Committee Members

LAHORE, April 1.

Before the proceedings began for the day, Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliar drew the attention of the President to what he called the humiliation of Indian Members of the Franchise Committee by the Police in Lahore, and said that if they would be harassed in future, they would not be able to attend these meetings.

The President assured Mr. Mudaliar that he would take steps to see that the police treated them with the utmost courtesy.

The Chairman stated that the Chief Secretary of the Punjab had offered an unreserved apology to the Indian members who were maltreated by the police, and he expected a further statement from the Governor. Departmental action was being taken against the police officers concerned.—A. P.

NO ADMISSION

Police Officer Stops Chintamani

LAHORE, April 1.

The Associated Press understands that a feeling of dissatisfaction at the behaviour of the local police prevails among the Indian members of the Franchise Committee.

Yesterday Raja Narendranath gave a garden party in honour of the Franchise Committee and when Mr. Chintamani went to the Raja's house after the proceedings of the Committee were over he was stopped outside Raja Narendranath's house, where he is staying, by a police officer.

Mr. Chintamani replied that he was stopping at the Raja's house as a guest and had been invited to the garden party. Even then the police officer did not allow him. When he was talking to the police officer a European officer's car was allowed to pass.

Thereupon Mr. Chintamani asked the police officer why this distinction was made. He said he did not want to stop the car because it was moving.

Mr. Chintamani had to loiter outside the house until the police withdrew from the bungalow.

SERGEANT'S "OH."

This morning when Mr. C. Y. Chintamani and Dewan Bahadur Ramaswami Mudaliar and R. R. Bakhle were going to the Committee room in a car they were stopped on the road by a European sergeant and were politely asked to get down from the car as the Governor's car was expected at that moment. They replied that that did not matter and asked the chauffeur to drive to the porch of the Committee room. The sergeant wanted their names.

Mr. Mudaliar replied: "Never mind, we are members of the Franchise Committee."

The sergeant said: "Oh," and allowed the car to drive on.

ROAD CLEAR FOR LOTHIAN'S ENTRY

LAHORE, Mar. 31.

The Lothian Committee arrived here this morning. A few Congress workers who had planned a demonstration at the railway station were arrested last night and red flags and posters were seized.

In the morning the Central Committee had private consultations with the Provincial Committee and discussed the merits and demerits of the group system of election and how long it would take before the group system could be brought effectively into operation and the way in which voting power under the Provincial Committee scheme should be distributed as between the various categories of the population. The enfranchisement of women and depressed classes was also considered.

A Hindu member Mr. Nanakchand said that there was no depressed classes problem in the Punjab.

AT THE POLLING BOOTH.

In the afternoon three officials Mr. J. E. Koeugh, Deputy Commissioner, Lyallpur, Mr. E. M. Jenkins, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar and Mr. Fazial Ilahi, Director of Public Information, Punjab Government, were examined in their personal capacities. They enlightened the Committee on local administrative conditions and administrative difficulties if the various methods of enfranchisement were adopted. Witnesses agreed if the coloured ticket system was introduced at polling booths and five polling officers, five patwaris (who were to identify voters) and one presiding officer were engaged in one day, four times more number of voters could record their votes from one constituency than at present.

The system of primary election by group electorates was administratively difficult. There should be different constituencies for rural and urban voters as their interests were different. Mr. Keough opined that women should receive the vote on the same property qualification as men. A large increase of women voters would create very many serious administrative difficulties. In his opinion enfranchisement of tenants would include a considerable number of depressed classes.—A. P.

RATHOD NOT EXAMINED

(From A Correspondent.)

DELHI, March 31.

Mr. K. M. Rathod, who came here to give evidence before the Franchise Committee supporting the president of All-India Depressed Class Association, submitted the memorandum of the removal of Untouchability League to the committee. He was not examined by the Committee.

LEAGUE TO MEET ON APRIL 12

To Discuss Financial Crisis Of Eastern Europe

LONDON, March 31.

Owing to the gravity of the financial situation in Austria, Hungary, Greece and Bulgaria, a meeting of the League of Nations Council has been summoned for April 12. This action is taken following the report of the Financial Committee of the League which recently met in Paris. Geneva messages state that the report advances proposals for amelioration of the situation which demands the prompt attention of the League Council.—B.O.W.

A DEADLY SHELL

Armour Of Best Quality Can Be Pierced

LONDON, March 31.

A new armour, piercing shell of immense deadliness is being manufactured at the famous Hadfield Steel Works, Sheffield, Sir Robert Hadfield says that it has been found practicable to perforate a hard-faced armour of the best quality and remain unbroken under conditions which represented the finest result yet obtaining with large calibre armour-piercing projectiles.—Re-

WHERE PRINCE OF WALES WAS A GUEST

Famous Restaurant To Be Sold

LONDON, March 31.

Romano's Restaurant, a famous Bohenian resort of London, is to be sold by auction. It was a rendezvous in the "Naughty Nineties" when its habitues included Doly Carte, Phil, May and George Edwards, the famous artists and writer.

It was even rumoured that King Edward, who was then Prince of Wales, had a private supper room there.

Romano's was founded by Alfonso Romano, formerly headwaiter of the Cafe Royal, and was started as a fried fish shop and a shooting gallery, which was burned down in 1894, after which was built the famous building now standing in the Strand.—Reuter.

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PRINCES AGREE TO ARBITRATION

Representation In Federal Assembly

NEW DELHI, April. 1.

According to lobby talks in the Princes Chamber the feeling is growing that the Princes having failed to decide among themselves on the allocation of seats 'inter se' the British Government should, according to the understanding arrived at in London at the Federal Structure Committee, be seized of the question after the end of March last and that the Princes would accept such an arbitration.—A.P.

COUNCIL OF STATE

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The Council of State held a two-minute sitting to-day when the Secretary presented the Bengal Detenus Bill as passed by the Legislative Assembly last Wednesday.

The Council next meets on Monday when the Bill will be discussed.—A.P.

BHOPAL STATE COUNCIL

Policy Of Excising Unoccupied Lands To Be Revised

(From A Correspondent.)

BHOPAL, March 29.

The March Session of the Bhopal Legislative Council began on 26th instant with Ali Martabat Nasirul Mulk Syed Liakat Ali, in the chair. Ali Martabat Raja Oudh Narain Bisarya, Member for Law and Justice, Finance and P.W.D., stated that the Government intended to bring in, at the current session of the Council a resolution proposing better dates for payment of the instalments of land revenue and they hoped to have ready, for the next session, the Land Revenue Bill codifying the law on that subject.

Reference was made to the recent increase in the number of educational institutions. The Shahjehani Model School had been raised to the status of a High School, and affiliated to the Ajmer-Marwar Board of High School and Intermediate Education. Similarly the Sultania Girls' School was being raised to the same status, while five primary schools for girls had been opened in different wards of the city, which had increased the number of girl-students by 700 and five girls' schools had been opened in the Mofussil. A training class was being added to the Sultania Girls' School to train lady-teachers.

SANITATION.

A Committee of medical experts had been appointed to study epidemic diseases and to suggest measures for their prevention and on their recommendations necessary instructions were just issued to the medical staff, which included the placing of all tahsil dispensaries under the control of a District Medical Officer, the touring of medical officers in the mofussil to watch the appearance of epidemic diseases and specially to examine school chillren and the arranging for the disinfection of wells and the distribution of public health notices through vaccinators.

Under the management of the Sanitary Boards in the mofussil nearly all the wells had been disinfected, old wells were repairel, 31 new wells were constructed and Rs. 38,000 were being spent on the construction of roads and other works of public utility.

In connection with the Bhopal City filtration scheme, it was discovered that good drinking water could be had from wells sunk near the banks of the tanks rather than from the tanks themselves. Wells were therefore being sunk and it was hoped that good drinking water from wells would become available before the commencement of the next rains.

HEAVY NEW TAXES

Approval By U. S. Legislature

INCREASE IN TELEGRAPH RATES

WASHINGTON. Mar. 31.

New taxation amounting to 7,44,000,000 dollars out of the total of 1,241,000,000 necessary to balance the budget has hitherto been provided by the House of Representatives, who have voted taxes on soft drinks and capital issues of bonds and stocks, a ten per cent tax on prices of admission to places of amusement, increases in the surtax, the corporation tax, and the postal rates and taxes on telegraph, telephone and wireless messages except press messages.—Reuter.

SHIPPING FARE CUTS

German Line Leads The Way

BERLIN, March 31.

Without awaiting the formal decision of the North-Atlantic Conference at Brussels, the Hamburg-America and Nord Deutscher Lloyd Companies have announced that they are reducing North Atlantic fares from to-day. Third class fare will be cut by ten per cent and second and first class fares by twenty per cent.

The Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique, though they are opposed to the cuts policy, announce their intention to make an immediate cut of twenty per cent in trans-Atlantic fares. The Holland-America line announce a cut of twenty per cent. in passenger fares.—Deuter.

DUBLIN AND OTTAWA

Canadian Premier Denies Canard

OTTAWA, March 31.

A most emphatic denial of the report of a local newspaper regarding the possible refusal of a seat at the Imperial Conference to the Irish Free State in the event of repudiation of annuities and abolition of the oath of allegiance, was given by the Premier, Mr. Bennett, in the House of Commons here to-day. He said that the Irish Free State had already accepted the invitation and had agreed to postponement of the opening of the conference from July 18 to July 21 to suit the convenience of some delegates.—Reuter.

RAIN IN ORISSA

POONA, April 1.

The western disturbance is causing a rise of temperature along the North-West Frontier. Thundertorms have caused local rain in Orissa and a few falls in Central Provinces, Bengal, Assas and Malabar. The temperature remains generally below the normal in the plains of North-West India.

Chief amounts of rainfall are:—Calcutta, Balasore, Sambalpur, Seoni, and Calicut quarter of an inch each.

Forecast:—Local thunderstorm rain will occur in Bengal, Assam and Upper Burma and a few thundershowers in Hyderabad, Madras Deccan and Malabar.—A.P.

FEDERATION OF DANUBIAN STATES

Poland's Right To Be Heard

TARDIEU'S LONDON MISSION

WARSAW, Mar. 31.

Poland is the latest claimant to be heard with regard to the proposed economic Federation of Danubian States. An article published in a local paper claims that Poland's exports to the Danubian countries amount to 25 per cent of their total export trade, while the respective percentages of Germany and Italy are only 11 and 7.5.

The article contends that no solution of the econonic situation of the Danubian countries could be satisfactory without an agreement with Germany, Italy and Poland who should obtain guarantees that their freedom of trade with the Danube will not be affected.—Reuter.

TARDIEU'S VISIT

LONDON, Mar. 31.

Rugby.—French Premier M. Tardieu accompanied by Finance Minister M. Flandin will leave Paris for London on Sunday morning and will meet Mr. Ramsay MacDonald on Sunday evening. Later French visitors will dine at the French Embassy and a Paris message states that other guests at dinner may include British Prime Minister. Conversations will be resumed on Monday morning when Foreign Secretary, Chancellor of Exchequer and the President of the Board of Trade as well as Prime Minister will take part. M. Tardieu has been invited to discuss Danubian problem, but in view of the importance of other matters including those that will be dealt with at Lausanne Conference on Reparations in June it is probable that other questions will be raised during the conversations. M. Tardieu and M. Flandin propose to return to Paris on Monday.—B. O. W.

BRITAIN'S BALANCED BUDGET

Dollar Bills To America Repaid.

LONDON, Mar. 31.

The most remarkable year in Great Britain's financial history has ended with the revised budget balanced, leaving a surplus for 1931-32 of £364,000 after providing £32,500,000 full redemption of debt, and taking from the dollar exchange, account £12,750,000 including the interest instead of £23,000,000 which the revised budget in September contemplated taking from that account to enable the budget to be balanced.

The dollar account is a relic of the war when the American and Candian securities held in Britain by corporations and private investors were mobilised by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in order to meet dollar payments.—Reuter.

CREDITORS PAID OFF

The Treasury announces that 30,000,000 dollar bills maturing on March 29 in New York have been repaid, as also the 900,000,000 francs credit given by the French banks. The Treasury retains the right to borrow again for a twelve month after the grant of credits last August and September.—Reuter.

KREUGER AND TOLL

Moratorium Extended

STOCKHOLM, March 31.

Government have granted the application of the Kreuger and Toll combine for the prolongation of the moratorium for a month in order to facilitate a peaceful continuation of the inquiry into the combine's affairs which can hardly be completed before the end of April.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI DEADLOCK

Japanese Adamant: Armistice In Peril

GENEVA, March 31.

A deadlock in the Far East ern armistice negotiations is reported by the Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister, who has cabled to Dr. Yen the Chinese delegate to Geneva, declaring that the Japanese are adamant in refusing to withdraw completely. The Minister is therefore of the opinion that it is futile to continue the armistice discussions.—Reuter.

MASS ARRESTS AND FEW ACQUITTALS

Women Figure Prominent

QUARTERLY FIGURES FOR BOMBAY CITY

BOMBAY, Friday.

Official figures are now available of the arrests, convictions and sentences made in connection with the present Congress movement in the city.

Since it started in January, about 2,000 persons have been arrested for offences connected with the movement in one form or another, and these include 107 women. Very few of them have been acquitted after trial.

Two hundred persons have been arrested directly under emergency powers granted by the "Omnibus Ordinance" and paroled, but most of them having broken parole, have been failed. A few have not been traced.

During the period from January last banks, mints, bullion exchange, etc. have been picketed.

Forty-one thousand copies of various unauthorised publication have been destroyed.

TOTAL ARRESTS IN LAHORE

LAHORE, April 1.

Official estimates show that about six hundred Congressites have been arrested in Lahore in connection with the Civil Disobedience.—A. P.

CONGRESS TALK IN "AKHADA"

Case Against Prominent Men Of Jalgaon

JALGAON, Mar. 30.

Mr. S. A. Ghatge, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, First Class, Jalgaon, is engaged in hearing a case against six prominent local men arising out of a complaint by one Sona Shahadu to the police patel of Asoda, a village near Jalgaon, that Shankar Jagatrao, a revenue patel of that place and five others usually met together in a "Akhada" discussed the present civil disobedience movement and also helped the same by various means. All the accused are charged under Section 17 (1) of the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

So far five witnesses have been examined for the prosecution and the case has been adjourned for further evidence.

The accused deny the offence and state that the case is the result of animosity between them and the complainant.

It is also stated that they had lodged a similar complaint against the present complainant during the last civil disobedience movement in which similar kinds of allegations were made against the complainant.—A. P.

ABSENTING FROM COURT

DINAJPUR, March 31.

Notices under Section 14 of the Legal Practitioners Act on seven pleaders to show cause why action should not be taken against them

BARDOLI REVENUE COMING IN

"Very Satisfactory" Position

BOMBAY, Friday.

It is stated that the Bombay Government are not experiencing much difficulty in collecting land revenue in Surat District and that over Rs. 15 lakhs has been already collected out of the total land revenue amounting to about Rs. 26 lakhs for the current financial year.

Revenue is collected every year in two instalments in the district. The total demand for the first instalment this year is Rs. 13,75,414, out of which the sum of Rs. 10,84,000 has been realised, and the balance is being collected from time to time, according to the convenience of the peasants.

The second instalment, which was due in the first week of March, is expected to bring in revenue to the extent of [illegible].

Inquiries show that within a week of this demand, the revenue officials were able to collect Rs. 4 lakhs.

SECOND INSTALMENT.

Efforts are being made to collect all the revenue, and it is believed that by the middle of May the second instalment will be more or less completely realised.

In 'bona fide' cases where peasants are really unable to pay up their dues in time, relief is being given to them by extending the period of payment.

As regards Bardoli taluka, where the authorities are rather doubtful of realising revenue, owing to the present political situation in the country, results, so far achieved, are, according to official information, "very satisfactory."

In this taluka alone, Government have collected about Rs. 2,07,000 and the collections are still in progress.

for absenting themselves on January 26.

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